#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Consequential Amendments

### PART 2

## Amendments to Secondary Legislation

# National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013

- **45.**—(1) The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013(1) are amended as set out in paragraphs (2) to (8).
- (2) In the title, for "the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions)" substitute "NHS England (Information Functions)".
- (3) In regulation 1, in paragraph (1), for "the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions)" substitute "NHS England (Information Functions)".
  - (4) For the heading to Part 3 substitute "NHS England".
  - (5) Omit regulations 24 to 30.
  - (6) For regulation 31 substitute—

### "Identification of GPs

- **31.**—(1) NHS England must, if it considers it appropriate to do so, assign a prescribing number in respect of a general medical practitioner whose name is included in a medical performers list.
- (2) Before assigning a prescribing number under paragraph (1), NHS England must carry out checks to verify the identity of the practitioner.
  - (3) The checks may include—
    - (a) the full name of the practitioner; and
    - (b) the reference number shown against the name of the general medical practitioner in the General Practitioner Register kept by the General Medical Council.
  - (4) In this regulation—
    - "medical performers list" means a list of medical practitioners maintained by NHS England in accordance with regulations made under section 91 of the 2006 Act;
    - "prescribing number" means the individual number issued by NHS England in accordance with this regulation and used in connection with—
    - (a) prescribing by a general medical practitioner,
    - (b) the management and monitoring of such prescribing, and
    - (c) other purposes connected with the health services in England;".
- (7) In regulation 32—
  - (a) in the heading, omit "or Board";
  - (b) in paragraph (1)—

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2013/259. There are amendments but none is relevant.

- (i) omit "or the Board";
- (ii) for "the Information Centre" substitute "NHS England";
- (iii) for "the Centre" substitute "it";
- (iv) omit "or (as the case may be) the Board";
- (c) for paragraph (2) substitute—
  - "(2) The giving of a direction under paragraph (1) may include provision about payments by the Secretary of State to NHS England for things done in the exercise of the function in respect of which the direction is given.";
- (d) in paragraph (3), omit "or (as the case may be) the Board".
- (8) Omit regulation 33.
- (9) A reference in any legislation to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013 is to be treated as a reference to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and NHS England (Information Functions) Regulations 2013.