

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACTS AND PRIMARY MEDICAL SERVICES SECTION 17C AGREEMENTS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2018**

#### **SSI 2018/94**

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9(6) 17A(6), 17E, 17K, 17L, 17N, 17O, 105(7) and 106(a) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 and all other powers enabling them to do so. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

#### **Purpose of the instrument**

2. The Instrument amends the following sets of Regulations relating to the provision of primary medical services:
  - i. The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018.
  - ii. The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018.
3. The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 and the National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (“the 2018 Contract Regulations”) set out the framework for the provision of primary medical services under a general medical services contract or a primary medical services agreement between Health Boards and contractors from 1 April 2018.
4. The amendments make various corrections, including rectifying typographical errors to the 2018 Contract Regulations, made in response to concerns raised by the Parliament’s Delegated Powers and Legislative Reform Committee and to make a minor change to properly reflect a point of policy in the 2018 Contract Regulations. The Committee provided its comments which raised these concerns on 26 February 2018. The Scottish Government made commitments to amend in responses submitted to the Committee on 1 and 2 March 2018. In the circumstances, it would not have been feasible to lay the Amendment Regulations on 2 March 2018 in order to comply with the 28 day rule.

#### **Consultation**

5. Consultation was undertaken on these amendment regulations with the Scottish General Practitioners’ Committee (SGPC) of the British Medical Association, who had no comments.

#### **Timing**

6. Subject to parliamentary procedure the instrument comes into force on 1 April 2018.

## **Financial Effects**

7. The amendments will have no financial effects.

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