

POLICY NOTE

THE NHS EDUCATION FOR SCOTLAND AMENDMENT ORDER 2021

SSI 2021/330

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1)(b) and (1C) and 105(6) and (7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. This instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Purpose

The above instrument makes amendments to NHS Education for Scotland's (NES) establishment Order which is the NHS Education for Scotland Order 2002 ("the 2002 Order").

The instrument confers functions on NES in relation to the provision of information services, including services provided by digital means, in support of the functions of the Scottish Ministers and other Scottish health bodies.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to create additional capacity and capability within NHS Scotland in order to provide health-related digital services to the people of Scotland. The powers are required to better reflect the way modern technology is developed and integrated across the whole of the NHS. In conferring these functions on NES, it is anticipated that NES will become one of the delivery arms of the Scottish Government's Digital Health & Care Strategy, with a particular focus on enabling the development of national patient-facing digital products and services, underpinned by secure data stores and staff and citizen authentication.

Consultation

No formal consultation has taken place on the instrument. However, the affected parties, principally NHS Education for Scotland, have been consulted.

Impact Assessments

Full Impact assessments have not been prepared for this instrument. Pre-screening has indicated that the changes made to the 2002 Order by this instrument will have no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors or on the people of Scotland.

Financial Effects

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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