



# National Health Service Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 49

An Act to consolidate certain provisions relating to the health service for England and Wales; and to repeal certain enactments relating to the health service which have ceased to have any effect. [29th July 1977]

### Extent Information

- E1** For the extent of this Act see [s. 130](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified (27.8.2002) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002](#) (c. 17), s. 25(4), [Sch. 7 para. 5\(2\)](#); S.I. 2002/2202, [art. 2\(1\)](#)  
Act modified (1.1.2003 for E.) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002](#) (c. 17), s. 20(11), [Sch. 6 para. 6\(2\)](#); S.I. 2002/3190, [art. 2\(2\)](#)
- C2** Act explained by [Health Services Act 1980](#) (c. 53, SIF 113:2), [s. 1\(5\)](#)
- C3** Act modified by [Mental Health Act 1983](#) (c. 20, SIF 85), [ss. 122\(2\)](#), 131(1)
- C4** Power to amend Act conferred by [Health Services Act 1980](#) (c. 53, SIF 113:2), [s. 1\(8\)](#) and [Health and Social Security Act 1984](#) (c. 48, SIF 113:1), [s. 28\(2\)](#)
- C5** Act: definition of "health authority" restricted by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990](#) (c. 19, SIF 113:2), [s. 2\(6\)](#)
- C6** Power to modify conferred by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990](#) (c. 19, SIF 113:2), [s. 23\(8\)](#)
- C7** Power to modify conferred (1.4.1991) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990](#) (c. 19, SIF 113:2), [s. 17\(3\)](#)
- C8** Act extended by S.I. 1991/1236, [art. 2](#) which revoked S.I. 1991/577 on 23.5.1991
- C9** Act modified (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/635, [reg. 25\(16\)](#).  
Act applied (28.6.1995 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.1996) by 1968 c. 46, [s. 63\(8A\)](#) (as inserted (28.6.1995 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 17, [ss. 2\(1\)\(3\)](#), 8(1), [Sch. 1 para. 95\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 6](#)))  
Act extended (15.8.1997) by 1997 c. 46, [s. 9\(1\)](#); S.I. 1997/1780, [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#)  
Act modified (15.8.1997) by 1997 c. 46, [s. 9\(2\)](#); S.I. 1997/1780, [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#)  
Act: power to restrict conferred (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 46, s. 13(9), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 1998/631, [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)  
Act (with specified exceptions): transfer of functions (W.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (30.6.1999) by 1999 c. 8, [ss. 66\(4\)\(5\)](#), 67(4))

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- Act: power to modify conferred (15.3.2000) by 1999 c. 8, s. 61(1)(2); S.I. 2000/779, art. 2(1)
- Act: power to modify conferred (15.3.2000) by 1999 c. 8, s. 60(4), Sch. 3 para. 11(2)(a)(c)(d)(3); S.I. 2000/779, art. 2(1)
- Act construed with 1997 c. 46, Pt. I (E.W.) (21.3.1997) by 1997 c. 46, s. 40(1)(a)
- Act: amended (8.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/89, reg. 12(1)
- Act: restricted (1.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/695, reg. 3(6)
- C10** By Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), Sch. 12 para. 23; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), Sch. 2) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C11** Act: modified as to exercise of functions of a Health Authority (E.) (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/747, regs. 5(1), 6(3)(a)(b)
- C12** Act applied in part (8.3.2002 for E. and 1.7.2002 for W.) by 2001 c. 15, s. 36(1)(1A), 70(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)) (as s. 36 is amended (1.10.2002) by 2002 c. 17, s. 4(2); S.I. 2002/2478, art. 3(1)(a)); S.I. 2002/1095, art. 2(4); S.I. 2002/1475, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. I
- C13** Act applied (with modifications) (8.3.2002 for E. and 1.7.2002 for W.) by 2001 c. 15, s. 36(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2002/1095, art. 2(4); S.I. 2002/1475, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. I

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