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National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

PART I

ORGANISATION

VALID FROM 01/08/2010

[^{F1}Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 10A-10Z19 and cross-headings inserted (1.8.2010 for the insertion of s. 10A for specified purposes, 1.10.2010 for specified purposes, 1.4.2011 for specified purposes, 1.4.2016 for specified purposes with the exception of the insertion of s. 10Z9(1)(a), 1.4.2017 for specified purposes, 19.6.2024 for specified purposes) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 108, 134(7)**; [S.S.I. 2010/221](#), art. 3(2)(3), **sch.**; [S.S.I. 2010/321](#), art. 3, **sch.**; [S.S.I. 2011/122](#), art. 2, **sch.**; [S.S.I. 2016/22](#), art. 2(1)(2), sch. 1, **sch. 2**; [S.S.I.2024/131](#), art. 2, **sch. 1**

10A Healthcare Improvement Scotland

- (1) There is established a body to be known as Healthcare Improvement Scotland (in this Act referred to as “HIS”) which—
 - (a) is to exercise the functions conferred on it by virtue of this Act and any other enactment; and
 - (b) has the general duty of furthering improvement in the quality of health care.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b), “health care” means services for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness provided—
 - (a) under the health service; or

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- (b) by persons providing independent health care services.
- (3) In carrying out its functions, HIS is to act subject to and in accordance with such directions as may be given by the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may vary or revoke any direction given under subsection (3).
- (5) Schedule 5A (which makes further provision about the status, constitution, proceedings etc. of HIS) has effect.]

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