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# National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

## PART I

### ORGANISATION

VALID FROM 01/10/2010

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Principles*

#### 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](#)

#### **10B Principles**

- (1) HIS must exercise its functions in accordance with the principles set out in the following subsections.
- (2) The safety and wellbeing of all persons who use services provided under the health service and independent health care services are to be protected and enhanced.
- (3) Good practice in the provision of those services is to be identified, promulgated and promoted.

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- (4) The provision of those services in a manner which takes appropriate account of guidance and other information (including evidence) published or endorsed by HIS is to be promoted and encouraged.]

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