



National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

PART IV

POWERS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Additional powers as to services and supplies; and the use of those services and supplies for private patients

50 F1

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 50 repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988](#) (c. 49, SIF 113:2), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

51, 52. F2

Textual Amendments

F2 Ss. 16(3), 20(2), 51, 52, 59–63, 65–68, 96(2), [Sch. 16](#) paras. 25, 43 repealed by [Health Services Act 1980](#) (c. 53), [Sch. 7](#)

53 F3

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 53 repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

54 Restriction of powers under sections 44, 50 and 53.

The Secretary of State shall exercise the powers conferred on him by the provisions of section 44 (supplies of blood and other substances) ^{F4} only if and to the extent that he is satisfied that anything which he proposes to do or allow under those powers—

- (a) will not to a significant extent interfere with the performance by him of any duty imposed on him by this Act to provide accommodation or services of any kind; and
- (b) will not to a significant extent operate to the disadvantage of persons seeking or afforded admission or access to accommodation or services at health service hospitals (whether as resident or non-resident patients) otherwise than as private patients.

Textual Amendments

F4 Words repealed by [Health and Medicines Act 1988 \(c. 49, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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