



National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

PART I

ORGANISATION

Co-operation and assistance

[^{F1}12J Health Boards: co-operation with other Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Agency

- (1) In exercising their functions in relation to the planning and provision of services which it is their function to provide, or secure the provision of, under or by virtue of this Act, Health Boards shall co-operate with one another, and with Special Health Boards and the Agency, with a view to securing and advancing the health of the people of Scotland.
- (2) In pursuance of subsection (1) a Health Board may—
 - (a) undertake to provide, or secure the provision of, services as respects the area of another Health Board, and the other Health Board may enter into arrangements with the first Health Board for that purpose,
 - (b) undertake with one or more other Health Boards to provide, or secure the provision of, services jointly as respects their areas.
- (3) A Health Board undertaking to provide, or secure the provision of, services under subsection (2) may—
 - (a) enter into arrangements with another Health Board, a Special Health Board or the Agency in relation to the provision of such services,
 - (b) do anything in relation to the provision of such services which they could do for the purpose of providing, or securing the provision of, such services as respects their area.
- (4) This section is without prejudice to any other power which a Health Board may have.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 12J inserted (30.9.2004) by [National Health Service Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 7\)](#), **ss. 5, 12(1)**; [S.S.I. 2004/361](#), **art. 2(b)(i)**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 1 applied (7.12.2019) by [The Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/336\)](#), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 Pt. 1** (with art. 4(4)(5))
- C2** S. 12J applied (with modifications) (7.12.2019) by [The Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/336\)](#), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 Pt. 1** (with art. 4(4)(5))
- C3** S. 12J(2)-(4) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2022) by [Forensic Medical Services \(Victims of Sexual Offences\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 14(3), 20(2)** (with s. 3); [S.S.I. 2022/24](#), reg. 2

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 16A(5) added by [2002 asp 5 Sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 19A(2)(b) words repealed by [2003 asp 4 sch. 4 para. 5\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 5(4)-(9) omitted (1.4.2004) by virtue of S.S.I. 2004/167, Sch. para. 7)
- s. 19B(2)(a) words substituted by [2003 asp 4 sch. 4 para. 5\(5\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 5(4)-(9) omitted (1.4.2004) by virtue of S.S.I. 2004/167, Sch. para. 7)
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- s. 19B(2)(c) words substituted by [2003 asp 4 sch. 4 para. 5\(5\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 5(4)-(9) omitted (1.4.2004) by virtue of S.S.I. 2004/167, Sch. para. 7)
- s. 19B(2)(e) word substituted by [2003 asp 4 sch. 4 para. 5\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 para. 5(4)-(9) omitted (1.4.2004) by virtue of S.S.I. 2004/167, Sch. para. 7)
- s. 70A inserted by [1997 c. 46 s. 26\(2\)](#)
- s. 70A(2) word substituted by [2005 asp 13 s. 14\(3\)](#)
- s. 85AB(7) inserted by [2005 asp 13 sch. 2 para. 2\(18\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2005 asp 13 s. 14\(6\)\(a\)](#)