



National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

PART I

ORGANISATION

Administrative bodies

[^{F1}2C Functions of Health Boards: primary medical services

- (1) Every Health Board—
 - (a) must, to the extent that they consider necessary to meet all reasonable requirements, provide or secure the provision of primary medical services as respects their area; and
 - (b) may, to such extent, provide or secure the provision of primary medical services as respects the area of another Health Board,and primary medical services provided, or the provision of which is secured, by a Health Board under or by virtue of this subsection may be performed outside their area.
- (2) For the purpose of securing the provision of primary medical services under subsection (1), a Health Board may make such arrangements for the provision of the services as they think fit (and may in particular make contractual arrangements with any person).
- (3) A Health Board must publish information about such matters as may be prescribed in relation to the primary medical services provided under this Part.
- (4) Without prejudice to [^{F2}sections 12J and] 13, Health Boards must co-operate with one another in discharging their respective functions relating to the provision of primary medical services under this Part.
- (5) Regulations may provide that services of a prescribed description are, or are not, to be regarded as primary medical services for the purposes of this Act.

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- (6) Such regulations may in particular describe services by reference to the manner or the circumstances in which they are provided.
- (7) Arrangements made under this Part by a Health Board for the provision of primary medical services may provide for such services to be performed outside Scotland.
- (8) Anything done by a Health Board in pursuance of subsection (1) or (2) is to be regarded as done in exercise of functions of the Scottish Ministers conferred on the Health Board by an order under section 2(1)(a).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2C inserted (13.2.2004 for certain purposes otherwise 1.4.2004) by [Primary Medical Services \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 1\)](#), **ss. 1(2)**, 9(1); S.S.I. 2004/58, **art. 2(1)(3)**, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 2C(4) substituted (30.9.2004) by [National Health Service Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 7\)](#), ss. 11(1), 12(1), **Sch. 1 para. 1(3)**; S.S.I. 2004/361, **art. 2(b)(iv)**

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