



National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990

CHAPTER 19

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- 1 (1) A Regional Health Authority shall consist of—

District health authorities

- 2 (1) A District Health Authority for a district in England...
- 3 (1) A District Health Authority for a district in Wales...

Part II

- 4 (1) A Family Health Services Authority in England shall consist...
- 5 (1) A Family Health Services Authority in Wales shall consist...

Part III — AMENDMENTS OF PART III OF SCHEDULE 5 TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT

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- 7 (1) In paragraph 9 of that Schedule (pay and allowances),...
- 8 In paragraph 10 of that Schedule (staff) at the end...
- 9 In paragraph 12 of that Schedule (regulations as to tenure)...
- 10 After paragraph 12 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...

SCHEDULE 2 — National Health Service Trusts

Part I — ORDERS UNDER SECTION 5(1)

- 1 (1) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to...
- 2 The provisions made by an order shall be in conformity...
- 3 (1) Without prejudice to any amendment made by a subsequent...
- 4 (1) An order may require a Health Authority or Special...
- 5 (1) An order may provide for the establishment of an...

Part II — DUTIES, POWERS AND STATUS

Specific duties

- 6 (1) An NHS trust shall carry out effectively, efficiently and...
- 7 (1) For each accounting year an NHS trust shall prepare...
- 8 An NHS trust shall furnish to the Secretary of State...
- 9 (1) An NHS trust shall be liable to pay—

Specific powers

- 10 In addition to carrying out its other functions, an NHS...
- 11 An NHS trust may undertake and commission research and make...

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- 12 An NHS trust may— (a) provide training for persons employed...
- 13 An NHS trust may enter into arrangements for the carrying...
- 14 According to the nature of its functions, an NHS trust...
- 15 For the purpose of making additional income available in order...
- 15A An NHS Trust may arrange for the provision of accommodation...

General powers

- 16 (1) Subject to Schedule 3 to this Act, an NHS...
- 17 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 16 above,...

Status

- 18 An NHS trust shall not be regarded as the servant...
- Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Re-imbursement for health services work carried out otherwise than under NHS contract

- 19 (1) In any case where an NHS trust provides goods...
- 20 In any case where an NHS trust provides goods or...

Supply of goods and services by local authorities

- 21 In section 28 of the principal Act (supply of goods...

Making of charges

- 22 In each of sections 81 (charges for more expensive supplies)...

Power to raise money by appeals etc.

- 23 (1) In section 96A of the principal Act (power

Accounts and audit

- 24 (1) In section 98 of the principal Act (accounts and...

Protection of members and officers

- 25 In section 125 of the principal Act (protection of members...

Compulsory acquisition

- 26 (1) An NHS trust may be authorised to purchase land...

Use and development of consecrated land and burial grounds

- 27 Section 128 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971...

Instruments etc.

- 28 (1) The fixing of the seal of an NHS trust...
- Part IV — DISSOLUTION
- 29 (1) The Secretary of State may by order made by...
 - 30 (1) If an NHS trust is dissolved under this Part...
 - 31 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 30 above, if...
 - 32 An NHS trust may not be dissolved or wound up...

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SCHEDULE 3 — Financial Provisions Relating to NHS Trusts

Borrowing

- 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph and to...

Guarantees of borrowing

- 2 (1) The Secretary of State may guarantee, in such manner...

Limits on indebtedness

- 3 (1) The aggregate of all sums borrowed by NHS trusts...
4 Any power to make an order under paragraph 3 above...

Additional public dividend capital

- 5 (1) If the Secretary of State, with the consent of...
5A *Supplementary payments*

Surplus funds

- 6 If it appears to the Secretary of State that any...

Investment

- 7 An NHS trust may not invest any money held by...
8 Any direction under section 17 of the principal Act with...

SCHEDULE 4 — Amendments of Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1982

- 1 (1) In section 11 (establishment of Audit Commission), in subsection...
2 (1) In section 12 (accounts subject to audit), in subsection...
3 (1) In section 13 (appointment of auditors), in each of...
4 (1) In section 14 (code of audit practice), at the...
5 In section 15 (general duties of auditors), in subsection (1)(a)...
6 In section 16 (auditor's rights to obtain documents and information)...
7 In section 17 (public inspection of accounts and right of...
8 In section 18 (auditor's reports), in subsection (4) after the...
9 In section 19 (declaration that item of account is unlawful),...
10 In section 20 (recovery of amount not accounted for etc.),...
11 In section 21 (fees for audit), after subsection (2) there...
12 (1) In section 22 (extraordinary audit), at the beginning of...
13 In section 23 (regulations as to accounts), in subsection (1)...
14 In section 24 (right of local government elector to inspect...
15 At the end of section 25 (audit of accounts of...
16 In section 25A (power of auditor to issue prohibition order),...
17 In section 25D (power of auditor to apply for judicial...
18 (1) In section 26 (studies for improving economy etc. in...
19 (1) In section 27 (reports on impact of statutory provisions...
20 (1) In section 29 (miscellaneous functions of Commission), at the...
21 In section 30 (restriction on disclosure of information), in subsection...
22 (1) In section 33 (commencement and transitional provisions) after subsection...
23 In section 36 (interpretation), in subsection (1),—
24 (1) In Schedule 3 (provisions as to the Commission), in...

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SCHEDULE 5 — Health Boards, the Common Services Agency and State Hospitals

Health Boards

- 1 Schedule 1 to the 1978 Act shall be amended in...
- 2 After paragraph 2 of that Schedule (membership of Health Boards)...
- 3 In paragraph 4 of that Schedule (remuneration), after the words...
- 4 At the end of paragraph 5A of that Schedule there...
- 5 After paragraph 7 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...
- 6 After paragraph 8 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...
- 7 In paragraph 11(b) of that Schedule (delegation to committees etc),...

Common Services Agency

- 8 Schedule 5 to the 1978 Act shall be amended in...
- 9 In paragraph 3 of that Schedule (appointment of chairman and...
- 10 In paragraph 3A of that Schedule (remuneration), after the words...
- 11 After paragraph 7A of that Schedule there shall be inserted...
- 12 After paragraph 8 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...

State hospitals

- 13 In Schedule 1 to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984...

SCHEDULE 6 — Schedules to be inserted after Schedule 7 to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

SCHEDULE 7 — Amendments relating to Audit of Accounts of Scottish Health Service Bodies

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

- 1 Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (finance)...
- 2 In section 96 (accounts and audit of local authorities), in...
- 3 (1) Section 97 (establishment of Commission for Local Authority Accounts)...
- 4 (1) Section 97A (studies for improving economy etc in services)...
- 5 (1) Section 98 (expenses and accounts of Commission) shall be...
- 6 In section 99 (general duties of auditors)—
- 7 (1) Section 100 (auditor's right of access to documents) shall...
- 8 In section 101 (completion of audit), after subsection (4) there...
- 9 (1) Section 102 (reports to Commission by Controller of Audit)...
- 10 In section 103 (action by Commission on reports by Controller)...
- 11 After section 104 there shall be inserted the following section—
- 12 After subsection (2) of section 106 (application of sections 93)...
- 13 In Schedule 8 (provisions as to the Commission), for the...

The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

- 14 (1) Section 86 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act...

General amendment

- 15 Without prejudice to any express amendment made by this Act,...

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SCHEDULE 8 — Provisions arising out of removal of Crown Immunities from
Health Service Bodies

Part I — AMENDMENTS CONTINUING CERTAIN STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969

1 In section 3 of the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act...

The Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971

2

The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

3 At the end of section 48 of the Copyright, Designs...

The Road Traffic Act 1988

4 In section 144 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (exceptions...

Part II — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure)(Scotland) Act 1947

5 In the First Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation...

The Town and Country Planning Act 1971

6 In section 128 of the Town and Country Planning Act...

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972

7 In section 118 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland)...

The Acquisition of Land Act 1981

8 (1) At the end of section 16 of the Acquisition...

The Value Added Tax Act 1983

9

The Housing Act 1988

10 In Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1988 (grounds for...

The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

11 In Schedule 5 to the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 (grounds...

PART III — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

12 In this Part of this Schedule— (a) “the appointed day”...

The Building (Scotland) Act 1959

13 (1) Notwithstanding section 60(1) of this Act, where, on or...

The Medicines Act 1968

14 (1) In any case where— (a) before the appointed day,...

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The Fire Precautions Act 1971

- 15 (1) Without prejudice to the continuing validity on and after...

The Town and Country Planning Act 1971

- 16 (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) before the appointed day,...

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972

- 17 (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) before the appointed day,...

The Building Act 1984

- 18 (1) If, immediately before the appointed day, approved work is...

The Housing Act 1988 and the Rent Act 1977

- 19 (1) This paragraph applies to a tenancy—

The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984

- 20 (1) This paragraph applies to a tenancy—

SCHEDULE 9 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897

- 1 (1) In section 54 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act...

The Voluntary Hospitals (Paying Patients) Act 1936

- 2 In section 1 of the Voluntary Hospitals (Paying Patients) Act...

The Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Act 1938

- 3 In section 10(3)(a) (interpretation) of the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland)...

The Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945

- 4 In section 1(3) of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945...

The National Assistance Act 1948

- 5 (1) At the beginning of subsection (4) of section 21...

The Public Records Act 1958

- 6 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (definition...

The Human Tissue Act 1961

- 7 In section 1 of the Human Tissue Act 1961 (removal...

The Abortion Act 1967

- 8 In section 1 of the Abortion Act 1967 (medical termination...

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The Leasehold Reform Act 1967

9 In section 28 of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (retention...

The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

10 (1) The Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 shall be amended...

The Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

11 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act...

The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

12 In section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons...

The Local Government Act 1972

13 In section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 (placing...

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

14 In section 462 (interpretation) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act...

The Child Benefit Act 1975

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The Children Act 1975

16 In section 99(1)(b) of the Children Act 1975 (inquiries in...

The Adoption Act 1976

17 In section 2 of the Adoption Act 1976 (local authorities' ...

The National Health Service Act 1977

18 (1) In section 41 of the National Health Service Act...

The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

19 (1) In section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland)...

The Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978

20

The Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980

21 In the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980, in Schedule...

The Education Act 1981

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The Acquisition of Land Act 1981

23 In the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, in section 17...

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The Mental Health Act 1983

24 (1) In section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983...

The Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983

25 (1) In section 17 of the Health and Social Services...

The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

26 (1) In section 13 of the Public Health (Control of...

The Registered Homes Act 1984

27 In section 21 of the Registered Homes Act 1984 (meaning...

The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

28 (1) In subsection (2)(e) of section 3 (functions and duties...

The Hospital Complaints Procedure Act 1985

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The Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986

30 (1) In section 2 of the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation...

The Education (No. 2) Act 1986

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The AIDS (Control) Act 1987

32 (1) Section 1 of the AIDS (Control) Act 1987 (periodical...

The Community Health Councils (Access to Information) Act 1988

33 In section 1 of the Community Health Councils (Access to...

The Health and Medicines Act 1988

34 In section 7 of the Health and Medicines Act 1988...

The Road Traffic Act 1988

35 In section 161 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (interpretation)...

The Children Act 1989

36 (1) In section 21 of the Children Act 1989 (provision...

The Opticians Act 1989

37 In section 27 of the Opticians Act 1989 (sale and...

SCHEDULE 10 — Enactments Repealed

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