



# National Health Service Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 41

### PART 2

#### HEALTH SERVICE BODIES

#### CHAPTER 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### *Co-operation between NHS bodies*

#### **72 Co-operation between NHS bodies**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] It is the duty of NHS bodies to co-operate with each other in exercising their functions.

[<sup>F2</sup>(1A)] The Secretary of State may publish guidance on the discharge of the duty under subsection (1) in relation to England.

(1B) An NHS body other than a Welsh NHS body must have regard to any guidance published under subsection (1A).]

[<sup>F3</sup>(2) For the purposes of this section, NICE is an NHS body.]

[<sup>F4</sup>(3) For the purposes of this section, the Health and Social Care Information Centre is an NHS body.]

[<sup>F5</sup>(4) For the purposes of this section, Health Education England is an NHS body.]

[<sup>F6</sup>(5) In this section “Welsh NHS body” means—

- (a) an NHS trust established under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006,
- (b) a Special Health Authority established under that Act, or
- (c) a Local Health Board.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 72(1): s. 72 renumbered as s. 72(1) (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 17 para. 10\(4\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F2** S. 72(1A)(1B) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), [ss. 75\(2\)\(a\)](#), 186(6); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), [Sch.](#) (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F3** S. 72(2) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 17 para. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F4** S. 72(3) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 19 para. 9\(4\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
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