

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1992 in connection with complaints against doctors, dentists, opticians or chemists providing services under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1977 that they are in breach of their terms of service.

Regulation 2 amends the 1992 Regulations to make clear that the Family Health Services Authority to which the complaint should be addressed is the one on whose list the doctor (including a doctor for whom a Deputy acted), dentist, optician or chemist was at the time of the matter which is the subject of the complaint.

The remaining provisions of these Regulations amend the 1992 Regulations to provide that where a complaint is made about a deputy doctor who is himself on the list of any Family Health Services Authority, then the complaint is to be treated as being against the deputy alone, and not against the doctor for whom he was acting (unless there are grounds for thinking that he had failed to ensure that a proper service for his patients was available).