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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 875**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The South Durham National Health  
Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - *18th March 1996*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 1996*

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 5(1) of, and paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6(2)(d) of Schedule 2 to, the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, having directed the relevant Regional Health Authority, as defined in section 5(4) of that Act, to consult the persons or bodies referred to in section 5(2) of that Act and having received and considered the results of that consultation, and being of the opinion that the trust established by the Order is to have functions which are appropriate in relation to the provision of services for one or more health authorities, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the South Durham National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990;

“community health services” means any services which the Secretary of State may provide under section 3(1)(d) or (e) of, or Schedule 1 to, the National Health Service Act 1977 and any service which he has a duty to provide under section 5(1) or (1A) of that Act<sup>(2)</sup>;

“operational date” has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 3(1)(e) of Schedule 2 to the Act;

“the trust” means the South Durham National Health Service Trust established by article 2 of this Order.

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(1) 1990 c. 19; paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 is cited for the definition of “an order”.

(2) 1977 c. 49; section 5(1) was amended by, and section 5(1A) and (1B) were inserted by, the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 10(1); Schedule 1 was amended by the Education Act 1980 (c. 20), Schedule 1 and the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), Schedule 2, paragraph 7.

**Establishment of the trust**

2. There is hereby established an NHS trust which shall be called the South Durham National Health Service Trust.

**Nature and functions of the trust**

- 3.—(1) The trust is established for the purpose specified in section 5(1)(a) of the Act.
- (2) The trust's functions shall be—
- (a) to own and manage hospital accommodation and services provided at Winterton Hospital, Sedgefield, County Durham TS21 3EJ and associated hospitals;
  - (b) to manage community health services provided from Winterton Hospital, Sedgefield, County Durham TS21 3EJ and to own the associated premises.

**Directors of the trust**

4. The trust shall have, in addition to the chairman, 5 non-executive directors and 5 executive directors.

**Operational date and accounting date of the trust**

- 5.—(1) The operational date of the trust shall be 1st April 1996.
- (2) The accounting date of the trust shall be 31st March.

**Restriction on disposal of assets**

6. The sum specified for the purposes of paragraph 6(2)(d) of Schedule 2 to the Act (maximum value of freely disposable assets) in relation to the trust shall be £1,000,000.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

18th March 1996

*John Horam*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Health

**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order establishes the South Durham National Health Service Trust, an NHS trust provided for in section 5 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990. It also provides for the functions of the trust (article 3). It specifies the operational date and the accounting date of the trust (article 5), and the value of assets in excess of which the Secretary of State is to consider the disposal of the asset (article 6).