
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations replace provisions of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (“the GDS Regulations”) relating to the right (which is set out in section 17G of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (“the 1978 Act”)) of any person to choose a dentist from whom he is to receive primary dental services. These Regulations make provision both in relation to dentists who provide general dental services under Part II of the 1978 Act and in relation to dentists who perform personal dental services in connection with a pilot scheme under section 1(1) of the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997.

Regulation 2 specifies the procedures for applying for primary dental services subject to the dentist’s consent. Regulation 3 sets out the circumstances in which an application for primary dental services shall be made on behalf of someone else. Regulation 4 revokes the provisions of the GDS Regulations which these Regulations replace.