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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 160**

**The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Commencement No.4,  
Transitional, Savings and Transitory Provisions) Order 2013**

**Saving and transitional provision in respect of Schedule 15 to the 2006 Act (accounts and audit)**

4.—(1) Subject to the modification in paragraph (2), paragraphs 3, 4, 5(3)(b) and (4) and 8 of Schedule 15 to the 2006 Act, as they have effect prior to any amendment made by paragraph 125(1) to (3) of Schedule 4 to the 2012 Act, continue to apply in relation to the accounts of each Primary Care Trust and each Strategic Health Authority for the financial year ending 31st March 2013.

(2) On and after 1st April 2013, any duty in relation to accounts and audit of those accounts that is conferred on a Primary Care Trust or a Strategic Health Authority by virtue of paragraphs 3, 4, 5(3)(b) and (4) and 8 of Schedule 15 to the 2006 Act is to be conferred instead on the Secretary of State.

(3) Notwithstanding the commencement of paragraph 125(1) to (3) of Schedule 4 to the 2012 Act, on and after 1st April 2013 the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup> continue to apply in relation to the accounts of Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities for the financial year ending 31st March 2013.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1998 c.18; the Audit Commission Act 1998 applies to the accounts of “health service bodies” meaning NHS bodies within the meaning of Schedule 15 to the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), other than a Special Health Authority or NHS Direct National Health Service Trust.