
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 317

The National Health Service (Revision of NHS
Constitution—Principles) Regulations 2013

Revision of first guiding principle

3. For the first guiding principle substitute—

“1. The NHS provides a comprehensive service, available to all irrespective of gender, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity or marital or civil partnership status. The service is designed to diagnose, treat and improve both physical and mental health. It has a duty to each and every individual that it serves and must respect their human rights. At the same time, it has a wider social duty to promote equality through the services it provides and to pay particular attention to groups or sections of society where improvements in health and life expectancy are not keeping pace with the rest of the population.”