



2009 CHAPTER 1

[^{F1}Local area bodies

[^{F1}Duty to establish bodies for local areas

15B.—(1) The Department must by regulations establish one or more bodies under this section.

(2) A body established under this section is to be called an “Area Integrated Partnership Board” or such other name as may be prescribed.

(3) Each Board is to exercise its functions for such area of Northern Ireland as may be prescribed; and the Department must ensure that there is a Board for each area of Northern Ireland.

(4) Each Board is to exercise such functions relating to the following matters as may be prescribed—

- (a) the identification of the health and social care needs of the people in its area,
- (b) the planning, delivery and management of health and social care for those people, and
- (c) the facilitation and encouragement of co-operation between those responsible for planning, delivering or managing health and social care for those people.

(5) Each Board must exercise its functions with the aim of—

- (a) improving the health and social well-being of the people in its area;
- (b) reducing health inequalities between those people, and between those people and other people in Northern Ireland.

(6) The Department may by regulations—

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- (a) provide that Article 18 of the Order of 1972 is to apply to each Board with such modifications (if any) as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) require each Board to exercise its functions in accordance with any scheme having effect under that Article.
- (7) The Department may by regulations—
- (a) provide that each Board is established as a body corporate (and that section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 applies to each Board with such modifications (if any) as may be prescribed);
 - (b) make provision for the constitution of Boards (including, in particular, their membership, general powers and proceedings);
 - (c) make provision for the payment of remuneration and allowances to members of Boards, and for the defraying of the expenses of Boards;
 - (d) make provision in relation to accounting, reporting and record-keeping by Boards;
 - (e) make such further provision in relation to Boards as the Department considers appropriate.
- (8) Regulations under this section may apply (with or without modifications), amend or repeal any statutory provision whenever passed or made, including any provision of this Act.
- (9) In this section—
- “Board” means a body established under this section;
 - a reference to the area of a Board is to the area prescribed for that Board under subsection (3).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 15B, 15C and cross-heading inserted (2.2.2022) by [Health and Social Care Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. [4\(1\)](#), [8\(2\)](#)

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