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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes and replaces the National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 ([S.S.I. 2006/560](#)) which refers to an incorrect enabling power.

This Order further amends the National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 1974 (“the principal Order”). It comes into force on 18th December 2006.

Article 2 of this Order amends article 3(c) of the principal Order, under which the function of the provision of information, advisory and management services in support of the functions of the Scottish Ministers and Health Boards is conferred on the Common Services Agency. The amendment to article 3(c) of the principal Order reflects the new arrangements for Scotland in relation to the provision of chemical advisory services, poisons advisory services and emergencies advisory and support services, whereby the provision of those services will be carried out not only by the Common Services Agency but also by the Health Protection Agency. The relevant functions relating to the provision of chemical advisory, poisons advisory services and emergencies advisory and support services have been conferred on the Health Protection Agency by the Scottish Ministers under the Health Protection Agency (Scottish Health Functions) Order 2006, made under section 2(7) of the Health Protection Agency Act 2004. That amending order also comes into force on 18th December 2006.

Article 2 of this Order also adds a new paragraph (p) to article 3 of the principal Order conferring on the Common Services Agency the power of the Scottish Ministers under section 40(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 to make arrangements with medical practitioners for the vaccination or immunisation of persons against yellow fever, either by medical practitioners or by persons acting under their control; the Scottish Ministers will retain that power under section 40(1) in relation to any other disease. The addition of article 3(p) of the principal Order enables the designation of medical practices as yellow fever centres to be carried out by the Common Services Agency instead of by the Scottish Ministers.

This instrument is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of [S.S.I. 2006/560](#).