



# National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 29

### PART IV

#### POWERS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

##### *Information and reports*

#### **65 Information for Health Services Board**

It shall continue to be the Secretary of State's duty to furnish the Health Services Board with such information as they may reasonably require for the proper discharge of their functions under sections 60 to 63.

#### **66 Publication of matters under sections 60 and 63**

The Secretary of State shall cause every set of proposals submitted to him under sections 60 and 63, and every report submitted to him under section 60(2), to be published as soon as practicable after its submission, and shall lay a copy of every such set of proposals or report before each House of Parliament.

#### **67 Reports on extent of facilities for private patients**

- (1) There shall be prepared by the Secretary of State on the matters mentioned in subsection (2), an annual report relating to Scotland, and he shall lay a copy of every report under this section before each House of Parliament.
- (2) The matters referred to under subsection (1) are—
  - (a) the accommodation and services at health service hospitals which in the period covered by the report were available for use in connection with the treatment of private patients by virtue of authorisations under sections 57(1) and 58(1);

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- (b) the extent to which " the section 50 power " (as defined in section 51(1)) was exercised in that period;
- (c) the extent to which the powers to which section 54 applies were exercised in that period otherwise than by way of affording persons admission or access to accommodation or services at health service hospitals as resident or non-resident private patients; and
- (d) the extent to which progress has been made in implementing the common waiting-lists referred to in section 6 of the Health Services Act 1976, and in section 68.

## **68 " Common waiting lists "**

- (1) The reference in paragraph (d) of section 67(2) to common waiting-lists is to the recommendations made to the Secretary of State by the Health Services Board under section 6(1) of the Health Services Act 1976.
- (2) Those recommendations—
  - (a) related to arrangements for affording persons admission or access as resident patients (authorised under section 57) or non-resident patients (authorised under section 58) to accommodation and services; and
  - (b) were in the Board's opinion the ones best suited for securing that all persons admitted or afforded access to accommodation or services at health service hospitals as resident or non-resident patients are, so far as is practicable, admitted or afforded access thereto on the basis of medical priority alone, whether coming as private patients or not.