



Health and Social Care Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 7

PART 3

REGULATION OF HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

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MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

148 Service of documents

- (1) A notice required under this Part to be given or sent to or served on a person (“R”) may be given or sent to or served on R—
 - (a) by being delivered personally to R,
 - (b) by being sent to R—
 - (i) by a registered post service, as defined by section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000, or
 - (ii) by a postal service which provides for the delivery of the document to be recorded, or
 - (c) subject to section 149, by being sent to R by an electronic communication.
- (2) Where a notice is sent as mentioned in subsection (1)(b), it is, unless the contrary is proved, to be taken to have been received on the third day after the day on which it is sent.
- (3) Where a notice is sent as mentioned in subsection (1)(c) in accordance with section 149, it is, unless the contrary is proved, to be taken to have been received on the next working day after the day on which it is transmitted.
- (4) In subsection (3) “working day” means a day other than—
 - (a) a Saturday or a Sunday;
 - (b) Christmas Day or Good Friday; or

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- (c) a day which is a bank holiday in England under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.
- (5) A notice required under this Part to be given or sent to or served on a body corporate or a firm is duly given, sent or served if it is given or sent to or served on the secretary or clerk of that body or a partner of that firm.
- (6) For the purposes of section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978 in its application to this section, the proper address of a person is—
- (a) in the case of a person who holds a licence under Chapter 3 who has notified [^{F1}NHS England] of an address for service, that address, and
 - (b) in any other case, the address determined in accordance with subsection (7).
- (7) That address is—
- (a) in the case of a secretary or clerk of a body corporate, the address of the registered or principal office of the body,
 - (b) in the case of a partner of a firm, the address of the principal office of the firm, and
 - (c) in any other case, the last known address of the person.
- (8) In this section and in section 149—
- “electronic communication” has the same meaning as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000;
- “notice” includes any other document.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 148(6)(a) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\), s. 186\(6\), Sch. 5 para. 90\(2\)](#); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F2** S. 148(9) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\), s. 186\(6\), Sch. 5 para. 90\(3\)](#); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 148(1)-(5)(6)(b)(7)-(9) in force at 1.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2\(2\)](#)
- I2** S. 148(6)(a) in force at 1.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/671, art. 2\(3\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/1831 art. 10 by [S.I. 2012/2657 art. 15](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 9 Ch. 1B inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 96](#)
- s. 102(4)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 13(3) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 28](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 105(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 21](#)
- s. 106(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 22](#)
- s. 250(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 250(2) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 250(6)-(6D) substituted for s. 250(6) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 251251ZA substituted for s. 251 by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(3\)](#)
- s. 251C(6A) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa)(b) substituted for s. 259(1)(b) by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(b\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/98 Sch. para. 17\(11\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment comes in force at the same time as 2022 c. 31, s. 98 comes into force)
- s. 259(10A)(10B) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(h\)](#)
- s. 304(5)(ja) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(5\)](#)