



# Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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An Act to provide for the admission of representatives of the press and other members of the public to the meetings of certain bodies exercising public functions[27thOctober1960][27thOctober1960][27thOctober1960][27thOctober1960]

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Councils of administrative counties, boroughs (except those in rural districts), urban districts, rural districts and urban parishes outside Greater London and Isles of Scilly together with municipal corporations of boroughs outside Greater London now abolished and councils of metropolitan counties, non-metropolitan counties and districts constituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), ss. 1, 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- C2 Act amended with the substitution for any reference to a rural parish or its council or meeting of a reference to (E.) a parish or its council or meeting and (W.) a community or its council by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. 179 subject as in that section mentioned
- C3 Councils of counties, counties of cities, large burghs, small burghs and districts in Scotland now abolished and regional, islands and district councils constituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), ss. 1, 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- C4 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#), s. 3
- C5 Act amended (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\)](#), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–10, 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 28, Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
- C6 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1815](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- C7 Act applied by [S.I. 1990/2639](#), art. 5(1), [Sch. Pt. II](#)  
Act applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.4.1993) by [S.I. 1993/577](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#) (with art. 6)
- C8 Act applied (S.) (1.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/686](#), art. 5(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)  
Act applied (E.W.) (1.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/695](#), art. 6  
Act applied (S.) (1.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/726](#), art. 5(1)(2), [Sch. Pt. II](#)  
Act: transfer of functions (W.) (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), arts. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1](#); [S.I. 1998/3178](#), art. 3  
Act applied (E.W.) (27.8.1999) by [S.I. 1999/220](#), art. 6 (as added (27.8.1999) by [S.I. 1999/2219](#), art. 2(3))  
Act applied (E.W.) (14.1.2000) by [S.I. 1999/3431](#), art. 6  
Act applied (S.) (1.4.2000) by [S.I. 2000/47](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)  
Act applied (S.) (6.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/137](#), art. 5(1), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

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- Act applied (E.) (2.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1743, **art. 6**
- Act applied (S.) (27.6.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/305, art. 5(1), **Sch. Pt. II**
- Act applied (S.) (31.3.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/103, art. 6, **Sch. Pt. II**, (with art. 4(4))
- C9** Act applied (1.4.2003) by Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogel Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/505), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C10** Act applied (E.) (1.12.2003) by NHSU (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2772), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C11** Act applied (E.) (1.4.2004) by NHS Direct (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/569), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C12** Act applied (E.W.) (1.4.2004) by The NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/667), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C13** Act applied (1.4.2005) by Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/499), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C14** Act applied (1.4.2005) by Health Protection Agency Act 2004 (c. 17), s. 12(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15**; S.I. 2005/121, art. 2(2)
- C15** Act applied (E.) (1.7.2005) by NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1446), arts. 1(1), **7**
- C16** Act applied (1.10.2005) by NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2529), arts. 1(1), **6**
- C17** Act applied (1.10.2006) by Health Act 2006 (c. 28), s. 83(7), **Sch. 4 para. 14**; S.I. 2006/2603, art. 4(4) (b)
- C18** Act applied (E.W.) (1.6.2012) by The National Health Service Trust Development Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/901), arts. 1(1), **7**
- C19** Act applied (E.) (28.6.2012) by The Health Education England (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1273), regs. 1(1), **6**
- C20** Act excluded (31.5.2018) by The Silvertown Tunnel Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/574), arts. 1(2), **66(9)**
- C21** Act applied (S.) (7.12.2019) by The Public Health Scotland Order 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/336), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 Pt. 2** (with art. 4(4)(5))
- C22** Act applied (E.W.) (30.12.2020) by The Digital Health and Care Wales (Establishment and Membership) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1451), arts. 1(2), **5**

#### Commencement Information

- II** Act wholly in force at 1.6.1961 see s. 3(4)

## 1 Admission of public to meetings of local authorities and other bodies.

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, any meeting of a <sup>F2</sup>... body exercising public functions, being [<sup>F3</sup>a body] to which this Act applies, shall be open to the public.]
- (2) [<sup>F4</sup>A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting][<sup>F4</sup>Where a meeting is open to the public, a body may, by resolution exclude the public from the meeting] (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; [<sup>F5</sup>and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies].
- (3) A body may under subsection (2) above treat the need to receive or consider recommendations or advice from sources other than members, committees or sub-committees of the body as a special reason why publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, without regard to the subject or purport of the recommendations or advice; but the making by this subsection of express provision for that case shall not

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be taken to restrict the generality of subsection (2) above in relation to other cases (including in particular cases where the report of a committee or sub-committee of the body is of a confidential nature).

[<sup>F6</sup>(3A) Where the public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under subsection (2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods—

- (a) which can be used without that person's presence at the meeting, and
- (b) which enable persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings at the meeting as it takes place or later.]

(4) [<sup>F7</sup>Where a meeting of a body is required by this Act to be open to the public during the proceedings or any part of them, the following provisions shall apply, that is to say,—][<sup>F7</sup>The following provisions apply in relation to a meeting of a body—]

- (a) [<sup>F8</sup>public notice of the time of the meeting and, if the meeting is to be open to the public, how to access the meeting, must be given by publishing it electronically at least three clear days before the meeting or, if the meeting is convened at shorter notice, then as soon as reasonably practicable;][<sup>F9</sup>(but see subsections (4ZA) to (4ZC) for further provision in relation to notices of meetings of certain bodies in Wales)]
- (b) [<sup>F8</sup>the agenda for the meeting as supplied to members of the body must also be published electronically in advance of the meeting (but excluding, if thought fit, any relevant item), together with such further statements or particulars, if any, as are necessary to indicate the nature of the items included or, if thought fit in the case of any item, any reports or other documents supplied to members of the body in connection with the item;]
- (c) while the meeting is open to the public, the body shall not have power to exclude members of the public from the meeting [<sup>F10</sup>and duly accredited representatives of newspapers attending for the purpose of reporting the proceedings for those newspapers shall, so far as practicable, be afforded reasonable facilities for taking their report and, unless the meeting is held in premises not belonging to the body or not on the telephone, for telephoning the report at their own expense ][<sup>F11</sup>;
- (d) in the case of a meeting of a relevant local government body, while the meeting is open to the public any person attending is to be permitted to report on the meeting.]

[<sup>F12</sup>(4ZA) Subsection (4ZB) applies to community councils and joint boards or joint committees which discharge functions of community councils or of community councils and of a principal council in Wales within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972.]

[<sup>F12</sup>(4ZB) In the case of a meeting of a body to which this subsection applies—

- (a) a copy of the notice mentioned in subsection (4)(a) must also be published electronically at least three clear days before the meeting or, if the meeting is convened at shorter notice, then at the time it is convened;
- (b) if the meeting is held partly through remote means, the notice under subsection (4)(a) must give details of how to access the meeting (as well as its time and place);
- (c) if the meeting is held through remote means only, the notice under subsection (4)(a) must give details of how to access the meeting as well as its time, but not its place.]

[<sup>F12</sup>(4ZC) In subsection (4ZB)—

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- (a) references to a meeting held through remote means are to a meeting held by means of any equipment or other facility which enables persons who are not in the same place to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not the equipment or facility enables those persons to see and be seen by each other);
- (b) the requirement imposed on a body to publish a notice electronically is, where the body has its own website, a requirement to publish on that website.]

[<sup>F13</sup>(4A) Subsection (4)(d) does not require a relevant local government body to permit oral reporting or oral commentary on a meeting as it takes place if the person reporting or providing the commentary is present at the meeting.]

[<sup>F14</sup>(4B) In subsection (4), “relevant item” means—

- (a) where a meeting or part of a meeting is not likely to be open to the public by virtue of section 1(2), an item that would be considered while the meeting is not open to the public;
- (b) where a meeting is not to be open to the public other than by virtue of section 1(2), an item which, in the opinion of the proper officer, would have been likely, had section 1(1) applied, to have been considered while the meeting was not open to the public by virtue of section 1(2).]

(5) [<sup>F15</sup>Where a meeting of a body is required by this Act to be open to the public during the proceedings or any part of them, and there is supplied to a member of the public attending the meeting, or in pursuance of paragraph (b) of subsection (4) above there is supplied for the benefit of a newspaper, any such copy of the agenda as is mentioned in that paragraph, with or without further statements or particulars for the purpose of indicating the nature of any item included in the agenda, the publication thereby][<sup>F15</sup>Where a document is published under subsection (4), the publication thereby] of any defamatory matter contained in the agenda or in the further statements or particulars shall be privileged, unless the publication is proved to be made with malice.

(6) When a body to which this Act applies resolves itself into committee, the proceedings in committee shall for the purposes of this Act be treated as forming part of the proceedings of the body at the meeting.

[<sup>F16</sup>(7) Any reference in this section to a newspaper shall apply also to a news agency which systematically carries on the business of selling and supplying reports or information to newspapers, and to any organisation which is systematically engaged in collecting news for sound or television broadcasts [<sup>F17</sup>or for programme services (within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990) other than sound or television broadcasting services][<sup>F18</sup>or, in the case of a relevant local government body, for use in electronic or any other format to provide news to the public by means of the internet]; [<sup>F19</sup>but nothing in this section][<sup>F19</sup>but, subject to subsection (4)(d), nothing in this section] shall require a body to permit the taking of photographs of any proceedings, or the use of any means to enable persons not present to see or hear any proceedings (whether at the time or later), or the making of any oral report on any proceedings as they take place.]

(8) The provisions of this section shall be without prejudice to any power of exclusion to suppress or prevent disorderly conduct or other misbehaviour at a meeting.

[<sup>F20</sup>(9) In this Act—

“relevant local government body” means—

- (a) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

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- (b) a parish council; or
  - (c) a parish meeting of a parish which does not have a separate parish council;
- “reporting” means—
- (a) filming, photographing or making an audio recording of proceedings at a meeting;
  - (b) using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or
  - (c) reporting or providing commentary on proceedings at a meeting, orally or in writing, so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later to persons not present.]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1) omitted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(a)** (with reg. 19)
- F2** Words repealed by [Local Government \(Access to Information\) Act 1985 \(c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 2 para. 4\(2\)](#), **Sch. 3**
- F3** Words substituted by [Local Government \(Access to Information\) Act 1985 \(c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 2 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(b)(i)** (with reg. 19)
- F5** Words in s. 1(2) omitted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(b)(ii)** (with reg. 19)
- F6** S. 1(3A) inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(2)**
- F7** Words in s. 1(4) substituted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(c)(i)** (with reg. 19)
- F8** S. 1(4)(a)(b) substituted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(c)(ii)** (with reg. 19)
- F9** Words in s. 1(4)(a) inserted (W.) (1.5.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 5(a)**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c) (with reg. 3)
- F10** Words in s. 1(4)(c) omitted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(c)(iii)** (with reg. 19)
- F11** S. 1(4)(d) inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(3)**
- F12** S. 1(4ZA)-(4ZC) inserted (W.) (1.5.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 5(b)**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c) (with reg. 3)
- F13** S. 1(4A) inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(4)**
- F14** S. 1(4B) inserted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(d)** (with reg. 19)
- F15** Words in s. 1(5) substituted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(e)** (with reg. 19)
- F16** S. 1(7) omitted (temp.) (W.) (22.4.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/442\)](#), regs. 1(3), **20(1)(f)** (with reg. 19)
- F17** Words substituted by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), ss. 4(6), 87(6), 203(1), **Sch. 20 para. 5** ([Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 57(1), **Sch. 5 para. 9**, which inserted new words after “broadcasts”, repealed by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), ss. 4(6), 87(6), 134, 203(3) (4), [Sch. 12 Pt. II para. 1](#), [Sch. 21](#), **Sch. 22 para. 4**, the repeal being in force 1.1.1991 subject to the provisions of art. 3 of S.I. 1990/2347 )

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- F18** Words in s. 1(7) inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(5)(a)**
- F19** Words in s. 1(7) substituted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(5)(b)**
- F20** S. 1(9) inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(6)**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C23** S. 1 extended (E.W.) by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#) , **s. 100(2)(3)**
- C24** S. 1 modified (E.) (4.4.2020) by [The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/392\)](#), **regs. 1, 13** (with reg. 2(4)) (as amended (1.8.2020) by [The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/808\)](#), **regs. 1, 2(4)**)
- C25** S. 1(2) excluded by [Water \(Fluoridation\) Act 1985 \(c. 63, SIF 130\)](#) , **s. 4(7)**
- C26** S. 1(2) excluded (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991 \(c. 56, SIF 130\)](#) , **ss. 89(7) , 91 , 223(2) , Sch. 7 para. 3(2)** , (with **ss. 82(3), 186(1), 219(3), 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6**)
- C27** S. 1(4)(b) amended (E.W.) by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#) , **s. 160(2)**
- C28** S. 1(4)(b) restricted (1.4.2005) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2004 \(c. 23\)](#) , **s. 24(5)(6)73** ; [S.I. 2005/558](#) , **art. 2 , Sch. 1**

**[<sup>F21</sup>1A. Publication and dissemination of reports**

- (1) Any person who attends a meeting of a relevant local government body for the purpose of reporting on the meeting may use any communication method, including the internet, to publish, post or otherwise share the results of the person’s reporting activities.
- (2) Publication and dissemination may take place at the time of the meeting or occur after the meeting.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F21** S. 1A inserted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(7)**

**2 Application of Act, and consequential provisions.**

- (1) This Act shall apply to the bodies specified in the Schedule to this Act, and to such bodies as may for the time being be added to that Schedule by order made under subsection (3) below; and where this Act applies to a body, [<sup>F22</sup>the foregoing section][<sup>F22</sup>sections 1 and 1A] shall apply in relation to any committee of the body whose members consist of or include all members of the body, [<sup>F23</sup>as that section applies][<sup>F23</sup>as they apply] in relation to the body itself, but so that for the purposes of paragraph (c) of subsection (4) [<sup>F24</sup>of that section][<sup>F24</sup>of section 1] premises belonging to the body shall be treated as belonging to the committee.
- (2) ..... <sup>F25</sup>
- (3) Any body established by or under any Act may be added to the Schedule to this Act, and any body so added may be removed from the Schedule, by order of the appropriate

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Minister made by statutory instrument, but a statutory instrument made by a Minister under this section shall be of no effect unless it is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament; and for this purpose the appropriate Minister is, in the case of any body, the Minister of the Crown in charge of the Government department concerned or primarily concerned with the matters dealt with by that body, but an order made under this subsection by any Minister of the Crown shall be effective, whether or not he is the appropriate Minister.

#### Textual Amendments

- F22** Words in s. 2(1) substituted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), regs. 1, 3(8)(a)
- F23** Words in s. 2(1) substituted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), regs. 1, 3(8)(b)
- F24** Words in s. 2(1) substituted (E.W.) (6.8.2014) by [The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2095\)](#), regs. 1, 3(8)(c)
- F25** S. 2(2) repealed by [Local Government \(Access to Information\) Act 1985 \(c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4(3), [Sch. 3](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C29** S. 2(1) saved (E.W.) by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. [100\(2\)](#)
- C30** S. 2(1) modified (27.3.2012 for specified purposes, 1.10.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), [ss. 181\(14\)](#), 306(1)(d), (4); S.I. 2012/1831, art. 2(2)

### 3 Short title, repeal, extent and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960.
- (2) The Local Authorities (Admission of the Press to Meetings) Act, 1908, subparagraph (4) of paragraph 1 of Part IV of the Third Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1933, and section eighty-four of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1946, are hereby repealed.
- (3) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.
- (4) This Act shall come into force on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C31** The text of s. 3(2) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals made prior to 1.2.1991.

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## SCHEDULE

### BODIES TO WHICH THIS ACT APPLIES

- 1 The bodies to which in England and Wales this Act applies are—
- [<sup>F26</sup>(a) parish or community councils, the Council of the Isles of Scilly and joint boards or joint committees which discharge functions of any of those bodies (or of any of those bodies and of a principal council, within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972<sup>M1</sup>, or a body falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of section 100J(1) of that Act)]
  - <sup>F27</sup>(aa) .....
  - (b) the parish meetings of rural parishes;
  - <sup>F28</sup>(ba) .....
  - <sup>F29</sup>(bb) .....
  - <sup>F30</sup>(bc) .....
  - [<sup>F31</sup>(bd) the Care Council for Wales; ]
  - [<sup>F32</sup>(bca) [<sup>F33</sup>the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care];]
  - <sup>F34</sup>(bcb) .....
  - <sup>F35</sup>(be) .....
  - <sup>F36</sup>(bf) .....
  - <sup>F37</sup>(bg) .....
  - <sup>F37</sup>(bh) .....
  - [<sup>F38</sup>(bj) the Care Quality Commission;]
  - [<sup>F39</sup>(bja) the Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care, Wales;]
  - <sup>F40</sup>(bk) .....
  - [<sup>F41</sup>(bl) Local Healthwatch organisations, as regards the carrying-on of activities specified in section 221(1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (local care services);]
  - <sup>F42</sup>(bm) .....
  - [<sup>F43</sup>(bn) the Health Research Authority;]
  - <sup>F44</sup>(c) .....
  - <sup>F45</sup>(d) .....
  - <sup>F46</sup>(e) .....
  - <sup>F47</sup>(ea) .....
  - <sup>F48</sup>(f) .....
  - [<sup>F49</sup>(fa) [<sup>F50</sup>NHS England], except as regards the exercise of functions under the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations 1992, or any regulations amending or replacing those Regulations];
  - [<sup>F51</sup>(g) if the order establishing a Special Health Authority so provides, the Special Health Authority;]
  - <sup>F52</sup>(gg) .....
  - [<sup>F53</sup>(gh) Local Health Boards;]
  - (h) bodies not mentioned above but having, within the meaning of the <sup>M2</sup> Public Works Loans Act, 1875, power to levy a rate (other than [<sup>F54</sup>bodies to which



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- sections 100A to 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 apply, whether or not by virtue of section 100E or 100J of that Act]).
- [<sup>F55</sup>(i) [<sup>F56</sup>Regional Flood and Coastal Committees ];]
  - [<sup>F57</sup>(ia) the Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee established by section 26B of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010;]
  - (j) advisory committees established and maintained under [<sup>F58</sup>section 12 or 13 of the Environment Act 1995];
  - [<sup>F59</sup>(k) regional committees of the Consumer Council for Water established under section 27A of the Water Industry Act 1991.]
  - (l) National Health Service trusts established under [<sup>F60</sup>section 25 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006].
  - [<sup>F61</sup>(m) the Wales Centre for Health;]
  - [<sup>F62</sup>(n) the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence];
  - [<sup>F63</sup>(o) .....
  - [<sup>F64</sup>(p) an integrated care board established under section 14Z25 of the National Health Service Act 2006;]
  - [<sup>F65</sup>(q) the Health Services Safety Investigations Body.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F26** Sch. para. 1 (a) substituted by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 4(4)**
- F27** Sch. para. 1 (aa)(ab) inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 37** and repealed by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4(5), **Sch. 3**
- F28** Sch. para. 1(ba) omitted (1.4.2006) by virtue of The Welsh Development Agency (Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3226), arts. 1(2), 7, **Sch. 2 para. 2** (with art. 3(1))
- F29** Sch. para. 1(bb) repealed (1.10.1998) by the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38) s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. 5; S.I. 1998/2244, **art. 4**
- F30** Sch. para. 1(bc) repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), s. 199(1)(4), **Sch. 14 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13
- F31** Sch. para. 1(bd)(be)(bf) inserted (1.4.2001 for W. in so far as it relates to the council; 9.4.2001 for E. as far as it relates to the National Care Standards Commission; 7.5.2001 for E. as far as it relates to the General Social Care Council and otherwise *prosp.*) by 2000 c. 14, ss. 6, 54, 66, **Sch. 1 para. 23**; S.I. 2000/2992, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**; S.I. 2001/1193, **art. 2(3)(b)**; S.I. 2001/1536, **art. 2(2)(a)(ii)**
- F32** Sch. para 1(bca)(bcb) substituted (1.1.2009 for specified purposes, 25.1.2010 in so far as it is not already in force) for Sch. para. 1(bd) (as inserted by National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), **Sch. 7, para. 21**) for specified purposes by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), s. 170(3)(4), **Sch. 10, para. 3(a)**, S.I. 2008/3244, art. 2(i)(iii)
- F33** Words in Sch. para. 1(bca) substituted (1.12.12) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 15 para. 68(a)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(3)
- F34** Sch. 1 para. 1(bcb) omitted (1.7.2012) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **Sch. 15 para. 70**, s. 306(4); S.I. 2012/1319, art. 2(3)
- F35** Sch. 1 para. 1(be) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 15 para. 50(a)**; S.I. 2012/1319, art. 2(4)
- F36** Sch. para. 1(bf) repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), s. 199(1)(4), **Sch. 14 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13

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- F37** Sch. para. 1(bg)(bh) repealed (1.1.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), s. 170(3)(4), **Sch. 5 para. 55(a)**, **Sch. 15 Pt. 1S.I. 2009/462**, art. 2(1), **Sch.15 Pt. 1**, **Sch. 1 para. 35(v)**,**36**
- F38** Sch. para. 1(bj) inserted (1.1.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), s. 170(3)(4), **Sch. 5 para. 55(b)**; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1 para. 35(v)**
- F39** Sch. 1 para. 1(bja) inserted (E.W.) (1.4.2023) by Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 (asc 1), s. 29(2), **Sch. 3 para. 5**; S.I. 2023/370, art. 3(1)(t)
- F40** Sch. para. 1(bk) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), **Sch. 5 para. 2**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F41** Sch. para 1(bl) inserted (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **ss. 189(1)**, 306(4); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F42** Sch. para. 1(bm) omitted (1.4.2023) by virtue of The Health Education England (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/368), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2** (with reg. 7)
- F43** Sch. para 1(bn) inserted (1.1.2015) by Care Act 2014 (c. 23), s. 127, **Sch. 7 para. 22**; S.I. 2014/2473, art. 5(m)
- F44** Sch. para. 1 (c) repealed by Water Act 1983 (c. 23, SIF 130), s. 11(3), **Sch. 5 Pt. I**
- F45** Sch. para. 1 (d) repealed by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 4(5)**, **Sch. 3**
- F46** Sch. para. 1 (e) repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), **Sch. 30**
- F47** Sch. para. 1(ea) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 5 para. 7(a)**; S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F48** Sch. para. 1(f) omitted (1.4.2007) by virtue of References to Health Authorities Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/961), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 4**
- F49** Sch. para 1(fa) inserted (1.10.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **Sch. 5 para. 7(b)**, s. 306(4); S.I. 2012/1831, art. 2(2)
- F50** Words in Sch. substituted (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(2); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F51** Sch. para. 1(f)(g) substituted (28.6.1995 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.1996) by virtue of 1995 c. 17, ss. 2(1)(3), 8, **Sch. 1 Pt. III**, para. 91 (with Scj. 2paras. 6, 16)
- F52** Sch. para. 1(gg) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 5 para. 7(c)**; S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F53** Sch. para. 1(gh) inserted (25.6.2002 for certain purposes and 10.10.2002 for (W.), 1.3.2007) by 2002 c. 17, s. 6(2), **Sch. 5 para. 1**; S.I. 2002/2532, art. 2, **Sch.**; S.I. 2006/1407, art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 12
- F54** Words substituted by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 4(6)**
- F55** Sch. para. 1 (i)(j)(k) inserted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 28, Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
- F56** Words in Sch. para. 1(i) substituted (14.7.2014) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(2)(r), **Sch. 10 para. 1**
- F57** Sch. para. 1(ia) inserted (14.7.2017) by Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 3), s. 88(3)(c), **Sch. 2 para. 18**; S.I. 2017/714, art. 2
- F58** Words in Sch. para. 1(j) substituted (1.4.1996) by virtue of S.I. 1996/593, reg. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 1**
- F59** Sch. para. 1(k) substituted (1.10.2005) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), s. 105(3), **Sch. 7 para. 17**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(1)(i)
- F60** Words in Sch. para. 1(l) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), s. 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 27** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F61** Sch. para. 1(m) added (1.04.2005) by Health (Wales) Act 2003 (c. 4), s. 10(2), Sch. 03 para. 1; S.I. 2003/2660, art. 3(2)
- F62** Sch. para. 1(n) inserted (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 17 para. 1**; S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F63** Sch. para. 1(o) omitted (1.2.2023) by virtue of The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/98), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1** (with reg. 3)

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**F64** Sch. para. 1(p) inserted (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 3**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

**F65** Sch. para. 1(q) inserted (1.10.2023) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), **Sch. 15 para. 2**; S.I. 2023/1035, reg. 2(c)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C32** Sch. para. 1 (h) excluded by S.I. 1986/1929, **art. 2**

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1972 c.70 (81:1).

**M2** 1875 c. 89.

2 The bodies to which in Scotland this Act applies are—

- (a) ..... <sup>F66</sup>  
[<sup>F67</sup>[<sup>F68</sup>(ca) the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care]]  
<sup>F69</sup>(cb) .....  
<sup>F70</sup>(d) Health Boards constituted under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act [<sup>F71</sup>1978], but only so far as regards the exercise of their executive functions]  
<sup>F72</sup>(dd) National Health Service trusts established under section 12A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 <sup>F73</sup>. ]  
(f) ..... <sup>F74</sup>

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**F66** Sch. para. 2(a)(b)(c) repealed by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 4(7)**, **Sch. 3**

**F67** Words in Sch. para. 2(ca) substituted (1.12.12) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 15 para. 68(a)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(3)

**F68** Sch. para 2(ca)(cb), added (1.1.2009 for specified purposes, 25.1.2010 in so far as it is not already in force) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), s. 170(3)(4), Sch 10, para. 3(b), S.I. 2008/3244, art. 2(i)(iii)

**F69** Sch. 1 para. 2(cb) omitted (1.7.2012) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **Sch. 15 para. 70**, s. 306(4); S.I. 2012/1319, art. 2(3)

**F70** Sch. para. 2(d) substituted for para. 2(d)(e) by National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 58), **Sch. 6 para. 118**

**F71** “1978” substituted by National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29, SIF 113:2), **Sch. 16 para. 14**

**F72** Sch. para. 2(dd) added (6.2.1998) by S.I. 1997/2763, **art. 2(3)**

**F73** Section 12A was inserted by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), **section 31**.

**F74** Sch. para. 2(f) repealed by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4(7), **Sch. 3**

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