

1974 No. 467 (S.28)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 1974

Made - - - 15th March 1974

Coming into Operation 1st April 1974

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 19(2), (3) and (4) and 26(5) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and after consultation with such bodies and interests as appear to me to be concerned, I hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

2.—(1) In this order—

“the Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972

“the Act of 1947” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(b)

“the Agency” means the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service constituted under section 19 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972

“appointed day” means 1st April 1974

“Health Board” means a board constituted under section 13 of the Act.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, references to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended or re-enacted by any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) applies for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. It shall be the duty of the Agency to undertake the following functions:—

(a) the provision of—

(i) such accommodation of the kind referred to in section 2(1) of the Act as may be required for the purposes of the functions of the Agency under this order and, if so directed by the Secretary of State, for the purposes of the functions of Health Boards; and

(ii) such services relating to the exercise by the Secretary of State or Health Boards of functions under section 2(1) or section 11 of the Act as he or they may require:

(a) 1972 c. 58.

(b) 1947 c. 27.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

Provided that the Agency shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, undertake any project the estimated cost of which exceeds £250,000;

- (b) the procurement of equipment and supplies and the provision of related scientific, engineering and technical services in support of the functions of the Secretary of State and Health Boards;
- (c) the provision of information, advisory, management and health education services in support of the functions of the Secretary of State and Health Boards;
- (d) the provision of an ambulance service in terms of section 16 of the Act of 1947;
- (e) the provision of supplies of human blood for the purposes of carrying out blood transfusion and related services, including the production of blood fractions;
- (f) the examination, checking and pricing of prescriptions for drugs, medicines and appliances supplied under the arrangements for the provision of pharmaceutical services in accordance with section 40 of the Act of 1947;
- (g) the provision of the services of officers, accommodation and other facilities required by the Scottish Dental Estimates Board to enable the Board to discharge its duties with respect to the approval of estimates of dental treatment and appliances;
- (h) the co-ordination of personnel policies, including, to such extent as may be agreed with Health Boards, arrangements for appointment, training and planned movement of staff and the organisation of and participation in training;
- (i) the provision in terms of paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Act of 1947 of the services of such officers as the Scottish Medical Practices Committee may require;
- (j) the collection and dissemination of epidemiological data and participation in epidemiological investigations; and
- (k) the provision of legal services to Health Boards.

4. Any arrangements made by a joint committee of Executive Councils with respect to the functions mentioned in paragraph (f) of the preceding article shall be continued in force for such time after the appointed day and subject to such modifications as the management committee of the Agency think expedient, and any complaints or representations made to or by such a joint committee which are pending on the appointed day shall have effect and be dealt with as if made to or by the Agency.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

15th March 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order specifies the functions which will be undertaken by the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service. It includes transitional provisions relating to arrangements made by, and outstanding complaints or representations made to or by, the Scottish Drug Accounts Committee.

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