

**2003 No. 3083 (C. 118)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND  
WALES**

**The National Health Service Reform and Health Care  
Professions Act 2002 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - - 26th November 2003*

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 42(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2003.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.

**Appointed day**

2. 1st December 2003 is the day appointed for the coming into force of section 22 of the Act (abolition of Community Health Councils in England), in so far as it is not already in force<sup>(b)</sup>.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

26th November 2003

Minister of State,  
Department of Health

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(a) 2002 c. 17. See section 42(4) for the definition of “appropriate authority”.

(b) Section 22(5) was commenced by section 42(3) of the Act so far as it conferred power to make an order under that section.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is the seventh Commencement Order made by the Secretary of State under the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (“the Act”). One Order has also been made by the National Assembly for Wales.

Article 2 brings into force on 1st December 2003 section 22 of the Act, which provides for the abolition of Community Health Councils established for districts in England and of the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No</i>
Section 1 (partially)	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
(remainder)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 2 (partially)	2nd September 2002	2002/2002
(remainder)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 3(1) (partially)	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
(partially)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 3(2)	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
Section 3(3) (partially)	2nd September 2002	2002/2002
(remainder)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 3(4)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 3(5)(a) and (b)	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
Sections 4 and 5	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 6	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Sections 7 and 8	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Section 9	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Section 10 as to England	1st October 2002	2002/2478
as to Wales	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Section 12 (partially)	18th June 2003	2003/1580
Section 12 (remainder)	11th July 2003	2003/1580
Section 13 (partially)	18th June 2003	2003/1580
Section 13 (remainder)	11th July 2003	2003/1580
Section 14	11th July 2003	2003/1580
Sections 15 to 19	1st September 2003	2003/2246
Section 20 as to England	1st January 2003	2002/3190
Section 21 as to England	1st January 2003	2002/3190
Section 23(1) as to England	18th June 2003	2003/1580
Section 23 as to Wales	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Section 24	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Section 25 (partially)	27th August 2002	2002/2202
Section 25 (partially)	1st December 2002	2002/2202
Section 25 (remainder)	1st April 2003	2002/2202
Section 26	1st April 2003	2002/2202
Section 27	1st April 2003	2002/2202
Section 29	1st April 2003	2002/2202
Sections 30 to 34	1st April 2003	2003/833
Section 35	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Schedule 1, paragraphs 1 (partially), 3, 4, 6, 7 and 19	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
Schedule 1 (remainder)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Schedule 2, paragraphs 31 and 32	2nd September 2002	2002/2202
Schedule 2, remainder apart from paragraphs 16(6) and 17(4) and (5) and paragraph 1 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs	1st October 2002	2002/2478

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No</i>
Schedule 2, paragraph 16(6) and paragraph 1 in so far as it relates to that paragraph	1st April 2003	2003/833
Schedule 3	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Schedule 4	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Schedule 5	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Schedule 6 as to England	1st January 2003	2002/3190
Schedule 7, paragraphs 4-6, 22 and 23	27th August 2002	2002/2202
Schedule 7, paragraphs 1-3, 7-15, 16(1) and (2), 17-21 and 24	1st December 2002	2002/2202
Schedule 7 (remainder)	1st April 2003	2002/2202
Schedule 8 (and section 37(1) in so far as it relates to the paragraphs specified below)		
Paragraphs 1 (partially), 4 to 7, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22 (partially), 23 to 27, 28 (partially), 29 and 31 to 37	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Paragraphs 1 (partially), 3, 8, 9 and 22 (remainder) as to England	1st October 2002	2002/2478
Paragraphs 1 (partially), 2, 3, 8, 9, 10(b) and 22 (remainder) as to Wales	10th October 2002	2002/2532
Paragraphs 1 (partially) and 2 as to England	1st January 2003	2002/3190
Paragraphs 13 to 17	1st April 2003	2003/833
Paragraph 28 (remainder) and 30	11th July 2003	2003/1580
Paragraph 1 (partially) and 10 (remainder)	1st September 2003	2003/2246
Schedule 9 (and section 37(2) in so far as it relates to the items commenced in the orders specified below)		
(partially)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
(partially as to England)	1st October 2002	2002/2478
(partially as to Wales)	10th October 2002	2002/2532
(partially)	1st January 2003	2002/3190
(partially)	1st April 2003	2003/833
(partially)	11th July 2003	2003/1580

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