
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 865

**The General Medical Services and Personal Medical Services
Transitional and Consequential Provisions Order 2004**

PART 3

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR GENERAL MEDICAL
SERVICES CONTRACTS WHICH FOLLOW DEFAULT CONTRACTS**

Notifications to patients affected by differences between the terms of a default and a general medical services contract

56. Where, in a case to which this Part applies—

- (a) the range of services provided to the registered patients of the general medical services contractor is to be different from that provided by the default contractor; or
- (b) patients who were on the default contractor's list of patients are not to be included on the list of patients of the general medical services contractor as a result of a change in the practice area,

the Primary Care Trust shall notify those patients in writing of the change and inform them of the steps they can take to obtain elsewhere the services in question or, as the case may be, register elsewhere for the provision of essential services (or their equivalent).