
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1265

Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

PART VI

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local representative committees

[^{F1}Local Medical Committees

55B.—(1) [^{F2}The Department] may recognise a committee [^{F3}formed for an area], which it is satisfied is representative of—

- (a) the persons to whom paragraph (2) applies; and
- (b) the persons to whom paragraph (3) applies.

(2) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) every medical practitioner who, under a general medical services contract entered into by him, is providing primary medical services in the area for which the committee is formed; and
- (b) every medical practitioner who is providing general ophthalmic services in that area.

(3) This paragraph applies to every other medical practitioner—

- (a) who is performing primary medical services in the area for which the committee is formed;
 - (i) pursuant to Article 56(2)(a);
 - (ii) in accordance with Article 15B arrangements; or
 - (iii) under a general medical services contract; and
- (b) who has notified [^{F4}the Department] that he wishes to be represented by the committee (and has not notified it that he wishes to cease to be so represented).

(4) A committee recognised under this Article shall be called the Local Medical Committee for the area for which it is formed.

(5) Any such committee may delegate any of its functions, with or without restrictions or conditions, to sub-committees composed of members of that committee.

(6) Regulations may require [^{F5}the Department] , in the exercise of its functions relating to primary medical services, to consult any committee recognised by it under this Article on such occasions and to such extent as may be prescribed.

(7) A committee recognised under this Article shall have such other functions as may be prescribed.

(8) A committee recognised under this Article shall in respect of each year determine—

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- (a) the amount of its administrative expenses for that year attributable to persons of whom it is representative under paragraph (1)(a); and
 - (b) the amount of its administrative expenses for that year attributable to persons of whom it is representative under paragraph (1)(b).
- (9) [^{F6}The Department] may—
- (a) on the request of a committee recognised by it, allot to that committee such sums for defraying the expenses referred to in paragraph (8)(a) as it may determine; and
 - (b) deduct the amount of such sums from the remuneration of persons of whom it is representative under paragraph (1)(a) under the general medical services contracts, or arrangements under Article 62, entered into by them with [^{F7}the Department] .
- (10) A committee recognised under this Article shall apportion the amount determined by it under paragraph (8)(b) among the persons of whom it is representative under paragraph (1)(b); and each such person shall pay in accordance with the committee's directions the amount so apportioned to him.
- (11) References in this Article to the administrative expenses of a committee include the travelling and subsistence allowances payable to its members.]

F1 2004 NI 2

F2 Words in art. 55B(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 21(2)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F3 Words in art. 55B(1) substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), s. 34(3), **Sch. 6 para. 3(29)**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**

F4 Words in art. 55B(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 21(3)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F5 Words in art. 55B(6) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 21(4)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F6 Words in art. 55B(9) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 21(5)(a)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument amended by [1995 c. 51 s.4Sch. para.30](#)

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

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

- art. 56(4C)(4D) substituted by [S.I. 2002/3135 Sch. 1 para. 16](#) (This amendment has not been applied as it has been superceded by the substitution of art. 56 by 2004/311 NI 2 art. 3)
- art. 61-61E and art. 61F and cross-heading substituted for art. 61 by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(2\)](#) (This amending provision is itself amended (13.6.2016) before it comes into force by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.), ss. 9, 20(2))
- art. 98(3) added by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(1\)](#)
- art. 107(1A) inserted by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(4\)\(b\)](#)