
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Primary Medical Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

Primary medical services

General medical services: transitional

5.—(1) The Department shall by order make transitional provision in respect of persons who, immediately before the coming into operation of Article 4, are providing services under Article 56 of the 1972 Order (general medical services).

(2) An order under this Article may provide that, in such circumstances as the order may prescribe, a Health and Social Services Board shall, if any such person so wishes, enter into a general medical services contract with him; and the order may make provision as to the terms of any such contract.

(3) An order under this Article may provide that, in such circumstances as the order may prescribe, a Health and Social Services Board shall, if any such person so wishes, enter into a contract with him, containing such terms as the order may specify, for the provision of medical services.

(4) An order under this Article may make provision for the resolution of disputes in relation to any contract entered into, or proposed to be entered into, under paragraph (2) or (3), including provision for the determination of disputes by the Department or a person appointed by it.

(5) An order under this Article may make provision in respect of a period beginning before the coming into operation of the provision (or of Article 4), provided that the provision is not as a whole detrimental to the remuneration of the persons to whom it relates.

(6) In this Article “general medical services contract” means a contract under Article 57 of the 1972 Order (as inserted by Article 4).

(7) An order made under this Article shall be subject to negative resolution.