

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 2008 SSI/2008/ 312**

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10(3) and (4) and 105(6) and (7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (the “1978 Act”) and all other enabling powers. In accordance with section 10(4) of the Act, Health Boards, Special Health Boards and such bodies and interests as appear to be concerned have been consulted. In accordance with section 105(4) of the Act there is no requirement for this instrument to be laid before Parliament.

#### **Policy Objectives**

2. The purpose of the instrument is to specify the functions to be undertaken by the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service (CSA) through consolidation of the National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/467) and all subsequent amendment Orders, namely, The Common Services Agency (Withdrawal and Amendment of Functions) (Scotland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/900); The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 (S.S.I. 2000/224); The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/159); The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/306); and The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/603).

3. The instrument takes account of some policy changes including the provision by the CSA of services in respect of accommodation of the kind referred to in section 36(1) of the 1978 Act (Article 2(b)), procurement of equipment and supplies (Article 2(d)), information, advice and management services (Article 2(f)) and the co-ordination of personnel policies (Article 2(i)) for the functions of Special Health Boards; the provision of related information technology (IT) services in support of the functions of Scottish Ministers, Health Boards and Special Health Boards (Article 2(d)); and reflects the current role of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service which no longer provides blood fractions (Article 2(g)).

#### **Consultation**

4. As stated above, in accordance with section 10(4) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Common Services Agency have been consulted on this Order.

## Repeals and Revocations

5 Commencement of the Order will revoke the earlier Orders as detailed below:

The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Order 1974	S.I. 1974/467
The Common Services Agency (Withdrawal and Amendment of Functions) (Scotland) Order 1991	S.I. 1991/900
The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000	S.S.I. 2000/224
The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2003	S.S.I. 2003/159
The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2003	S.S.I. 2003/306
The National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2006	S.S.I. 2006/603

## Financial effects

5. The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive or local government.

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