



# National Health Service Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 49

### PART II

#### GENERAL MEDICAL, GENERAL DENTAL, GENERAL OPHTHALMIC, AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

##### *Local representative committees*

#### **44 Recognition of local representative committees**

- (1) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied that a committee formed for the area of any Area Health Authority is representative—
- (a) of the medical practitioners providing general medical services or general ophthalmic services in that area, or
  - (b) of the dental practitioners providing general dental services in that area, or
  - (c) of the ophthalmic opticians and dispensing opticians providing general ophthalmic services in that area, or
  - (d) of the persons providing pharmaceutical services in that area,
- he may recognise that committee; and any committee so recognised shall be called the Local Medical Committee, the Local Dental Committee, the Local Optical Committee or the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, as the case may be for the area concerned.
- (2) Any such committee may with the Secretary of State's approval delegate any of their functions, with or without restrictions or conditions, to sub-committees composed of members of that committee.

#### **45 Functions of local representative committees**

- (1) The Family Practitioner Committee for the area of an Area Health Authority in respect of which committees are recognised under section 44 above shall, in exercising their functions under this Part of this Act, consult with those committees on such occasions and to such extent as may be prescribed; and those committees shall exercise such other functions as may be prescribed.

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- (2) The Family Practitioner Committee may, on the request of any committee recognised under section 44 for their area, allot to that committee such sums for defraying the committee's administrative expenses (including travelling and subsistence allowances payable to its members) as may be determined by the Family Practitioner Committee with the Secretary of State's approval.
- (3) Any sums so allotted shall be out of the moneys available to the Family Practitioner Committee for the remuneration of persons of whom the committee so recognised is representative and who provide general medical services, general dental services, general ophthalmic services or pharmaceutical services, as the case may be, under this Part of this Act.

The amount of any such sums shall be deducted from the remuneration of those persons in such manner as may be determined by the Family Practitioner Committee with the Secretary of State's approval.