



National Health Service Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 49

PART II

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

Pharmaceutical services

43 Persons authorised to provide pharmaceutical services.

- (1) No arrangements shall be made by [^{F1}a [^{F2}Primary Care Trust or] Health Authority] (except as may be provided by [^{F3}or under] regulations) with a medical practitioner or dental practitioner under which he is required or agrees to provide pharmaceutical services to any person to whom he is rendering general medical services or general dental services.
 - (2) No arrangements for the dispensing of medicines shall be made (except as may be provided by [^{F3}or under] regulations) with persons other than persons who are registered pharmacists, or are persons lawfully conducting a retail pharmacy business in accordance with section 69 of the ^{M1}Medicines Act 1968 and who undertake that all medicines supplied by them under the arrangements made under this Part of this Act shall be dispensed either by or under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist.
- [^{F4}[^{F5}(2A) Regulations shall provide for the preparation and publication by each Primary Care Trust and by each Health Authority of one or more lists of medical practitioners who undertake to provide drugs, medicines or listed appliances under arrangements with the Primary Care Trust or with the Health Authority.]
- (2B) In subsection (2A) “listed” has the same meaning as in section 41.
- [The regulations may, in particular, include provision—
- ^{F6}(2BA) (a) as to grounds on which a Health Authority may, or must, refuse to grant an application for inclusion in a list of medical practitioners referred to in subsection (2A) (including grounds corresponding to the conditions referred to in section 49F(2), (3) and (4) as read with section 49H(2) below);

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- (b) as to information which must be supplied to a Health Authority by a medical practitioner included, or seeking inclusion, in such a list (or by arrangement with him);
 - (c) for the supply to a Health Authority by a medical practitioner who is included, or seeking inclusion, in such a list of a criminal conviction certificate under section 112 of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50), a criminal record certificate under section 113 of that Act or an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 115 of that Act;
 - (d) for grounds on which a Health Authority may defer a decision whether or not to grant an application for inclusion in such a list;
 - (e) for the disclosure by a Health Authority, to prescribed persons or persons of prescribed descriptions, of information of a prescribed description about applicants for inclusion in such a list, and refusals by the Health Authority to grant such applications;
 - (f) as to criteria to be applied in making decisions under the regulations
- (2BB) If regulations made by virtue of subsection (2BA)(a) provide that a Health Authority may refuse to grant an application for inclusion in such a list, they must also provide for an appeal (by way of redetermination) to the FHSAA against the Health Authority's decision.]
- (2C) The regulations shall include provision for the removal of an entry from a list in prescribed circumstances.]
- [^{F7}(3) No arrangements for the provision of pharmaceutical services falling within [^{F8}section 41(1)(e)] [^{F9}, or additional pharmaceutical services provided in accordance with a direction under section 41A,] above shall be made with persons other than those who are registered pharmacists or are of a prescribed description.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 43(1) substituted (28.6.1995 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 17, ss. 2(1)(3), 8(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 31** (with Sch. 2 paras. 6, 16)
- F2** Words in s. 43(1) inserted (1.10.2002) by National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), ss. 2(5), 42(3), **Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 17(2)**; S.I. 2002/2478, **art. 3(1)(d)**
- F3** Words inserted by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53, SIF 113:2), **s. 21(2)**
- F4** S. 43(2A)-(2C) inserted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 46, **s. 29(1)**; S.I. 1998/631, art. 2(a), **Sch.**
- F5** S. 43(2A) substituted (1.10.2002) by National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), ss. 2(5), 42(3), **Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 17(3)**; S.I. 2002/2478, **art. 3(1)(d)**
- F6** S. 43(2BA)(2BB) inserted (1.7.2002 for W., otherwise prosp.) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 20(7), 70(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4); S.I. 2002/1475, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. Pt. 1
- F7** S. 43(3) added by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), **Sch. 9 para. 18(2)**
- F8** Words in s. 43(3) substituted (8.3.2002 for E. for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.2002 for E. and 1.7.2002 for W.) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 42(2), 70(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2002/1095, **art. 2(5)**{(6)}; S.I. 2002/1475, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. Pt. 1
- F9** Words in s. 43(3) inserted (15.8.1997) by 1997 c. 46, s. 41(10), **Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 14**; S.I. 1997/1780, art. 2, **Sch.**

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- s. 43(2) substituted by 2006 c. 28 s. 36(1)
- s. 43(2BA) words inserted by 2002 c. 17 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)
- s. 43(2BB) words inserted by 2002 c. 17 Sch. 2 para. 17(5)(a)
- s. 43(2BB) words substituted by 2002 c. 17 Sch. 2 para. 17(5)(b)

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- Act modified by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 3(7)
- Act repealed by 2006 c. 43 Sch. 4

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- s. 3(4) inserted by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 8
- s. 3(4)(a) words substituted by 2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 7(4)(a)
- s. 3(4)(b) modified by S.I. 2004/865 art. 109(2)(a)
- s. 3(4)(b) words substituted by 2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 7(4)(b)
- s. 8(9)(10) added by 2006 c. 28 s. 74(1)
- s. 11(4A)(4B) inserted by 2006 c. 28 s. 74(2)(a)
- s. 16B(4) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 182(1)
- s. 16BC(4) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 182(2)
- s. 16CA and heading inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 170
- s. 16CB inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 171(1)
- s. 16CC inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 174
- s. 16CD16CE inserted by 2006 c. 28 s. 37
- s. 19A(2)(aa) inserted by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 9 para. 9
- s. 20A inserted by 2003 c. 4 s. 1(1)
- s. 21(4) inserted by S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 9
- s. 22(1A)(e) inserted by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 4 para. 25
- s. 28D(1)(b)-(bc) substituted for s. 28D(1)(b)(c) by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(2)
- s. 28D(1)(bc)(i) modified by S.I. 2004/865 art. 109(2)(a)
- s. 28D(1)(bc)(iii) words substituted by S.I. 2004/957 Sch. para. 3
- s. 28D(1A) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(3)
- s. 28E(3)(ca) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(7)
- s. 28E(3A)(3B) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(8)
- s. 28E(3C) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(9)
- s. 28E(3D) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(10)
- s. 28E(3E)(3F) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 177(11)
- s. 28K-28P and heading inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 172(1)
- s. 28M(4) words substituted by S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 16
- s. 28Q-28W and heading(s) inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 175(1)
- s. 28W(5) applied by S.I. 2004/478 reg. 100(3)
- s. 28W(5) applied by S.I. 2004/478 Sch. 6 para. 100(3)
- s. 28X applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2006/552 Sch. 1 para. 4
- s. 28X inserted by 2003 c. 43 s. 179(1)

- s. 28X heading words substituted by [2006 c. 28 s. 39\(5\)](#)
- s. 28X(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 17\(a\)](#)
- s. 28X(2A) inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 39\(2\)](#)
- s. 28X(3)(b) words substituted by [2006 c. 28 s. 39\(3\)](#)
- s. 28X(3)(c) added by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 17\(b\)](#)
- s. 28X(6A) inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 28Y inserted by [2003 c. 43 s. 180](#)
- s. 28Y(1) applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2006/552 Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- s. 28Y(1)(a) substituted by [2006 c. 28 s. 40\(2\)](#)
- s. 28Y(1)(b) words substituted by [2006 c. 28 s. 40\(3\)](#)
- s. 28Y(1)(c) added by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 18](#)
- s. 28WA-28WF and cross-heading inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 38](#)
- s. 29-34A repealed by [2003 c. 43 s. 175\(2\)Sch. 14 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 34A inserted by [1997 c. 46 s. 25\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 25(1) repealed (1.4.2004) without ever being in force by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), s. 199(1) (4), Sch. 14 Pt. 4 Note; S.I. 2004/288, art. 6(2)(p) (with art. 8) (as amended by S.I. 2004/866 and S.I. 2005/2925); S.I. 2004/480, art. 5(2)(p) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2004/1019 and S.I. 2006/345))
- s. 35(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 35(3) by [S.I. 2005/2011 Sch. 6 para. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on a day to be specified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes (see, for example, the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008))
- s. 42(2A) inserted by [2001 c. 15 s. 40\(3\)](#)
- s. 42(2B)(2C) inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 35](#)
- s. 42A42B inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 34\(1\)](#)
- s. 43(4)(5) added by [1997 c. 19 Sch. para. 6](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). 1997 c. 19 repealed (30.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/289, art. 1(2)(3), Sch. 1 para. 6; commencing date as notified in The Gazette, published 23.3.2007)
- s. 43A inserted by [1984 c. 48 s. 7\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 7(1) repealed (1.3.2007 immediately before the National Health Service Act 2006 comes into force) without ever being in force by National Health Service (Pre - consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1407), art. 1(1), Sch. 2 (with art. 4))
- s. 43A43B substituted by [1999 c. 8 s. 10\(1\)\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 10 repealed (1.3.2007) without ever being in force by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 6, 8(2), Sch. 4 (with Sch. 2 Pt. 1))
- s. 43A43B substituted by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 19](#)
- s. 43A(3) repealed by [1997 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 77Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 2 para. 77 repealed (E.W.) (1.3.2007 immediately before the National Health Service Act 2006 comes into force) without ever being in force by The National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1407), art. 1(1), Sch. 2 (with art. 4))
- s. 43B added by [1984 c. 48 s. 7\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 7(3) repealed to the extent that it inserts section 43B of the National Health Service Act 1977 (1.3.2007 immediately before the National Health Service Act 2006 comes into force) without that amendment ever being in force by National Health Service (Pre - consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1407), art. 1(1), Sch. 2 (with art. 4))
- s. 44(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 20\(c\)](#)
- s. 45A45B inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 23](#)
- s. 45A(3) modified by [S.I. 2004/865 art. 109\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 45A(3)(a) word repealed by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 17\(2\)Sch. 9](#)
- s. 45A(3)(aa) inserted by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- s. 45A(4) modified by [S.I. 2004/865 art. 109\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 45A(4)(a) substituted by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 17\(3\)](#)
- s. 45A(11) modified by [S.I. 2004/865 art. 109\(2\)\(a\)](#)

- s. 45C inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 41](#)
- s. 46-46C substituted for s. 46 by [1999 c. 8 s. 40\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 40 repealed by [2001 c. 15, ss. 67, 70\(2\)](#), Sch. 6 Pt. 1 (with ss. 64(a), 65(4)), the repeal coming into force immediately before the coming into force of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41) (as to which see s. 227 of that 2006 Act) by virtue of The National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1407), arts. 1(1), 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 8(c))
- s. 54(1)(c) and word(s) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 26\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(c) modified by [S.I. 2004/865 art. 109\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 72(5)(d) and word(s) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 27\(2\)](#)
- s. 72(5)(d) modified by [S.I. 2004/865 art. 109\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 72(5)(d) words substituted by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 21\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 72(5)(d) words substituted by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 21\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 77(4) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 28](#)
- s. 78A inserted by [1997 c. 46 s. 26\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 26(1) repealed (1.3.2007) without ever being in force by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), s. 8(2), Sch. 4 (with Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Sch. 3 Pt. 1))
- s. 79(5)(b) modified by [2003 c. 43 s. 183\(4\)](#)
- s. 96(4) added by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 27](#)
- s. 96A(12) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 4 para. 37](#)
- s. 98(1A)-(1C) inserted by [S.I. 2003/1324 Sch. 2 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 98(1A) substituted by [S.I. 2004/1714 Sch. 2 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 98(1A)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2006/960 Sch. 2 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 98(1C) words inserted by [S.I. 2004/1714 Sch. 2 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 98(1C) words substituted by [S.I. 2006/960 Sch. 2 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 98(1D) inserted by [2004 c. 23 Sch. 2 para. 2](#)
- s. 98(1BA)(1BB) inserted by [S.I. 2004/1714 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 98(1BC) inserted by [S.I. 2006/960 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 98(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2003/1324 Sch. 2 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 98(7)-(10) inserted by [S.I. 2005/1074 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(4)(5) inserted by [2001 c. 15 Sch. 5 para. 5\(12\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 5 para. 5(12)(c) repealed (1.3.2007) without ever being in force by [2006 c. 43, s. 8\(2\)](#), Sch. 4 (with Sch. 2 Pt. 1, Sch. 3 Pt. 1))
- s. 124A(3)(aa) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 3 para. 20](#)
- s. 126(1A) inserted by [2003 c. 43 s. 183\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 126(4A) inserted by [2001 c. 15 Sch. 5 para. 5\(13\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 5 para. 5(13)(c) repealed (1.3.2007) without ever being in force by [2006 c. 43, s. 8\(2\)](#), Sch. 4 (with Sch. 2 Pt. 1, Sch. 3 Pt. 1))
- s. 126(4A) inserted by [2003 c. 4 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 12B inserted by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 39\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 10(2A)-(2C) substituted for Sch. 5 para. 10(2A) by [S.I. 2005/2011 Sch. 6 para. 1\(4\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on a day to be specified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes (see, for example, the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008))
- Sch. 5A para. 20(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 74\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5B para. 19(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 74\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7A inserted by [2003 c. 4 s. 1\(3\)](#)Sch. 1
- Sch. 7A para. 3(1)(fa) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 40\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 3(1)(g) words repealed by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 40\(2\)\(b\)](#)Sch. 14 Pt. 4
- Sch. 7A para. 3(2) words substituted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 40\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 9A para. 10(a)(aa) substituted for s. Sch. 9A para. 10(a) by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 11 para. 42\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 9A para. 6(d)(i)(ii) substituted for words in para. 6(d) by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 40\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 5A inserted by [S.I. 2004/3363 art. 7](#)

- Sch. 12 para. 2A(6) added by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 42\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 2B amendment to earlier affecting provision 2006 c. 28, s. 41(3) by [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 15](#) (The earlier affecting provision cited is incorrect. The correct provision should be s. 42(3).)
- Sch. 12 para. 2B inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 42\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 2A(1)(b)(ba) substituted for Sch. 12 para. 2A(1)(b) by [2006 c. 28 s. 42\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 12A para. 7(4) inserted by [2001 c. 15 Sch. 5 para. 5\(17\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 12B inserted by [2006 c. 28 s. 56\(2\)](#)Sch. 3
- Sch. 12ZA inserted by [2003 c. 43 s. 183\(2\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the National Health Service Act 1977

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2003/53 art. 2-4](#) commences (2001 c. 15)
- [S.I. 2003/713 art. 2](#) commences (2001 c. 15)
- [S.I. 2003/833 art. 23](#) commences (2002 c. 17)
- [S.I. 2003/2245 art. 2](#) commences (2001 c. 15)
- [S.I. 2003/2246 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 17)
- [S.I. 2003/2660 art. 2-4](#) commences (2003 c. 4)
- [S.I. 2003/3064 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 4)
- [S.I. 2003/3083 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 17)
- [S.I. 2003/3346 art. 2-5](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/103 art. 2-4](#) commences (2001 c. 15)
- [S.I. 2004/287 art. 23](#) commences (1997 c. 46)
- [S.I. 2004/288 art. 2-6](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/289 art. 2](#) commences (1998 c. 8)
- [S.I. 2004/480 art. 2-5](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/759 art. 2-13](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/874 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 42)
- [S.I. 2004/1009 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/1019 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2004/1859 art. 2-6](#) commences (1999 c. 8)
- [S.I. 2004/2626 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2005/457 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2005/558 art. 2](#)Sch. 1 commences (2004 c. 23)
- [S.I. 2005/1432 art. 2](#) commences (2005 c. 12)
- [S.I. 2005/2213 art. 23](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2005/2800 art. 3-5](#) commences (2005 c. 10)
- [S.I. 2005/2897 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2005/2925 art. 24-11](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2005/2926 art. 23](#) commences (1997 c. 46)
- [S.I. 2006/345 art. 2-7](#) commences (2003 c. 43)
- [S.I. 2006/481 art. 23](#) commences (2001 c. 15)
- [S.I. 2006/1014 art. 2](#)Sch. 12 commences (2005 c. 4)
- [S.I. 2006/1407 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3681213](#) commences (1997 c. 46)
- [S.I. 2006/2603 art. 2-5](#) commences (2006 c. 28)
- [S.I. 2006/3125 art. 2-4](#) commences (2006 c. 28)
- [S.I. 2007/204 art. 2-4](#) commences (2006 c. 28)
- [S.I. 2008/1972 art. 2](#) commences (2006 c. 28)