National Health Service Act 2006

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PART 4

MEDICAL SERVICES

Duty of Primary Care Trusts in relation to primary medical services

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(1) Each Primary Care Trust must, to the extent that it considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements, exercise its powers so as to provide primary medical services within its area, or secure their provision within its area.

(2) A Primary Care Trust may (in addition to any other power conferred on it)—

(a) provide primary medical services itself (whether within or outside its area),

(b) make such arrangements for their provision (whether within or outside its area) as it considers appropriate, and may in particular make contractual arrangements with any person.

(3) Each Primary Care Trust must publish information about such matters as may be prescribed in relation to the primary medical services provided under this Act.

(4) Each Primary Care Trust must co-operate with each other Primary Care Trust and each Local Health Board in the discharge of their respective functions relating to the provision of primary medical services under this Act and the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42).

(5) Regulations may provide that services of a prescribed description must, or must not, be regarded as primary medical services for the purposes of this Act.

(6) Regulations under this section may in particular describe services by reference to the manner or circumstances in which they are provided.