
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 709

**The Health Authorities Act 1995
(Transitional Provisions) Order 1996**

Continuity in exercise of functions of Regional Health Authorities.

15.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), anything done by or in relation to, or any application made by or in relation to, or any direction, authorisation or notice given to, by or in relation to, any Regional Health Authority is deemed to have been done by or in relation to, or made by or in relation to, or given to, by or in relation to—

- (a) where the function in connection with which the thing was done, the application was made or the direction, authorisation or notice was given is, on and after 1st April 1996, a function of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State; and
- (b) where the function in connection with which the thing was done, the application was made or the direction, authorisation or notice was given is, on and after 1st April 1996, a function of a Health Authority, that Health Authority acting for the area in relation to which the thing was done, the application was made or the direction, authorisation or notice was given.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any direction given by a Regional Health Authority under the 1977 Act or the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990(1), but any other instrument made by a Regional Health Authority continues in force, unless it is expressed to cease to be in force sooner, until it is varied or revoked by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, by a Health Authority.

(3) Any director of an NHS trust or member of a Community Health Council appointed before 1st April 1996 by a Regional Health Authority is to continue as such on and after that date as if he had been appointed by the Secretary of State.

(4) Any form supplied by a Regional Health Authority or by the Secretary of State relating to a Regional Health Authority which relates to a function which is, on and after 1st April 1996, a function of a Health Authority, continues to be a valid form in relation to that Health Authority until it is cancelled or withdrawn by the Secretary of State or that Health Authority, as if any reference contained in the form to the Regional Health Authority were a reference to that Health Authority.