
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1576

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Special Health Authorities (Amendment) Regulations 1998

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th June 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>30th June 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>21st July 1998</i>

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 126(4) and 128(1) of, and paragraphs 12(c) and 16 of Schedule 5 to, the National Health Service Act 1977(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Special Health Authorities (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and shall come into force on 21st July 1998.

Amendment of the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1990

2. After regulation 8 of the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1990(2) insert the following regulation—

“Reports by the Pricing Authority

8A.—(1) The Pricing Authority shall make reports to the Secretary of State in such manner and at such time, being at least once each calendar year, as the Secretary of State may direct and shall furnish to the Secretary of State such information as he may from time to time require.

(2) If, in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this regulation, the Secretary of State directs the Pricing Authority to make an annual report to him for any particular year or for each year, the Pricing Authority shall present the report at a public meeting held not later than 30 days after the date on which the report was made.”.

(1) 1977 c. 49. Section 126(4) was amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) (“the 1990 Act”), section 65(2); section 128(1) was amended by the 1990 Act, section 26(2) and is cited for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”; paragraph 12 of Schedule 5 was amended by the 1990 Act, Schedule 1, paragraph 9 and by the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17) (“the 1995 Act”), Schedule 1, paragraph 60(e). For the definition of “authority” used in paragraph 12 of Schedule 5, see paragraph 8 of Schedule 5; paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), section 1(7) and Schedule 1, paragraph 80(2), further amended by the 1990 Act, Schedule 1, paragraph 6, and further amended by the 1995 Act, Schedule 1, paragraph 60(a).

(2) S.I.1990/1719, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

Amendment of the Dental Vocational Training Authority Regulations 1993

3. After regulation 7 of the Dental Vocational Training Authority Regulations 1993(3) add the following regulation—

“Public meeting

8. If, in pursuance of regulation 7 of these Regulations, the Secretary of State directs the Authority to make an annual report to him for any particular year or for each year, the Authority shall present the report at a public meeting held not later than 30 days after the date on which the report was made.”.

Amendment of the Microbiological Research Authority Regulations 1994

4. After regulation 7 of the Microbiological Research Authority Regulations 1994(4) add the following regulation—

“Public meeting

8. If, in pursuance of regulation 7 of these Regulations, the Secretary of State directs the Authority to make an annual report to him for any particular year or for each year, the Authority shall present the report at a public meeting held not later than 30 days after the date on which the report was made.”.

Amendment of the National Health Service Litigation Authority Regulations 1995

5. After regulation 15 of the National Health Service Litigation Authority Regulations 1995(5) add the following regulation—

“Public meeting

16. If, in pursuance of regulation 15 of these Regulations, the Secretary of State directs the Authority to make an annual report to him for any particular year or for each year, the Authority shall present the report at a public meeting held not later than 30 days after the date on which the report was made.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

29th June 1998

Alan Milburn
Minister of State,
Department of Health

(3) S.I. [1993/2210](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(4) S.I. [1994/602](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(5) S.I. [1995/2801](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make amendments to regulations concerning the membership and procedure of certain Special Health Authorities to provide that they must hold a public meeting at which their annual report is presented.

Regulation 2 amends the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1990.

Regulation 3 amends the Dental Vocational Training Authority Regulations 1993.

Regulation 4 amends the Microbiological Research Authority Regulations 1994.

Regulation 5 amends the National Health Service Litigation Authority Regulations 1995.