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## 2000 No. 254

### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

#### The Nelson and West Merton Primary Care Trust (Establishment) Order 2000

*Made* - - - - - 5th February 2000

*Coming into force* - - 16th February 2000

The Secretary of State for Health, in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 16A(1), (2) and (3) and 126(4) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 5A to, the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, following compliance with the consultation requirements contained in regulations made under section 16A(5) of the Act(b), hereby makes the following Order:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Nelson and West Merton Primary Care Trust (Establishment) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 16th February 2000.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the National Health Service Act 1977;

“community health services” means any services which the Secretary of State may provide under section 3(1)(d) or (e) of, or Schedule 1 to, the Act and any service which he has a duty to provide under section 5(1) or (1A) of the Act(c);

“establishment date” means the date of coming into force of this Order;

“Executive Committee” has the meaning given in regulation 1(2) of the Membership Regulations;

“member”, “officer member” and “non-officer member” have the meanings given in regulation 1(2) of the Membership Regulations;

“Membership Regulations” means the Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Regulations 2000(d);

“operational date” is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 5A to the Act;

“preparatory period” is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 5A to the Act;

“the trust” means the Nelson and West Merton Primary Care Trust established by article 2 of this Order.

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(a) 1977 c. 49; section 16A was inserted by the Health Act 1999 (c. 8) (“the 1999 Act”), section 2(1); section 126(4) was amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) (“the 1990 Act”), section 65(2) and by the 1999 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 37(6); Schedule 5A was inserted by the 1999 Act, Schedule 1. The functions of the Secretary of State under these provisions are, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by article 2(a) of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999, S.I. 1999/672.

(b) See S.I. 1999/2337.

(c) Section 5(1) was amended by the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49) (“the 1988 Act”), Schedule 3; section 5(1A) and (1B) was inserted by the 1988 Act, section 10(1); Schedule 1 was amended by the 1988 Act, Schedule 2, paragraph 7 and the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), Schedule 37, paragraph 46.

(d) S.I. 2000/89.

**Establishment and name of the Primary Care Trust**

2. There is hereby established a Primary Care Trust which is to be called the Nelson and West Merton Primary Care Trust.

**Area of the trust**

3. The trust shall be established for the area specified in the Schedule to this Order.

**Members of the trust**

4.—(1) The trust shall have, in addition to the chairman, 7 officer members and 7 non-officer members.

(2) The non-officer members shall comprise the persons appointed by the Secretary of State under regulation 2(3) of the Membership Regulations.

(3) The officer members(a) shall comprise—

- (a) the persons who for the time being hold the offices of Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Clinical Director, Public Health and Health Promotion Advisor and Nurse Director;
- (b) the person who for the time being holds the post of chairman of the Executive Committee of the trust;
- (c) one person appointed by the chairman of the trust following nomination by the Executive Committee of the trust.

**Operational date of the trust**

5. The trust's operational date shall be 1st April 2000.

**Limitations on the exercise of functions by the trust during the preparatory period**

6. During the preparatory period the exercise of functions by the trust shall be limited to the following—

- (a) entering into NHS contracts;
- (b) entering into other contracts including contracts of employment; and
- (c) doing such other things as are reasonably necessary to enable it to begin to operate satisfactorily with effect from the operational date.

**Assistance during the preparatory period**

7.—(1) The Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Health Authority shall meet the costs of the trust performing its functions during the preparatory period by discharging such of the liabilities of the trust incurred during that period as are of a description specified in paragraph (2) and do not in aggregate exceed such amount as may be notified by the Authority to the trust.

(2) The liabilities referred to in the preceding paragraph are—

- (a) liability for the remuneration and travelling or other allowances of the chairman and members of the trust;
- (b) liability for the travelling or other allowances of the members of committees and sub-committees of the trust who are not also members of the trust;
- (c) liability for the remuneration of officers of the trust; and
- (d) any other liability which may reasonably be incurred by the trust for the purpose of enabling it to begin to operate satisfactorily with effect from its operational date.

(3) The Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Health Authority shall make officers available to the trust during the preparatory period.

(4) The South West London Community National Health Service Trust shall make available to the trust during the preparatory period—

- (a) premises and other facilities of the NHS trust; and
- (b) staff of the NHS trust.

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(a) See regulation 2(4) to (11) of the Membership Regulations.

**Exercise of functions**

8. In exercising the functions conferred on it under section 17A(1) of the Act<sup>(a)</sup> the trust shall not provide services directly to patients, other than community health services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

5th February 2000

*John Denham*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health

**SCHEDULE**

Article 3

**AREA OF TRUST**

In the London Borough of Merton—

the electoral wards of Abbey, Cannon Hill, Dundonald, Durnsford, Hillside, Lower Morden, Merton Park, Raynes Park, Trinity, Village, West Barnes.

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(a) Section 17A was inserted by section 12 of the Health Act 1999.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order establishes the Nelson and West Merton Primary Care Trust (“the trust”), as provided for under section 16A of the National Health Service Act 1977. It specifies the area for which the trust is established (article 3), its operational date (article 5) and limitations on the exercise of its functions during its preparatory period (article 6). It makes provision for the membership of the trust (article 4) and for assistance to the trust during its preparatory period (article 7). It also contains a restriction on the exercise of functions by the trust (article 8).

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