

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO  
THE STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHMENT AND  
ABOLITION) (ENGLAND) AMENDMENT ORDER 2006**

**2006 No. 1448**

**1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Health and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Description**

The Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition)(England) Amendment Order 2006 amends the Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition)(England) Order 2006 (SI 2006/1408) (“principal Order”) by correcting the name of the County of North Somerset.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

The procedure for free issue has been applied with respect to this Order and a separate memorandum has been submitted to the JCSI.

**4. Legislative Background**

Section 8 of the National Health Service Act 1977 requires the Secretary of State to establish SHAs for areas of England and empowers her to abolish existing SHAs. The principal Order establishes new SHAs on 1st July 2006 and specifies the areas of England for which they are established. This Order corrects a mistake in the principal Order.

**5. Extent**

This instrument applies to England.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

As the instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

Part of the area of the new South West Strategic Health Authority is the County of North Somerset. Under section 74(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, a local council may change the name of a county by resolution. Soon after the principal Order was made, new advice was received relating to the correct name of the County of North Somerset, which is named as North West Somerset in the principal Order. This Order amends the principal Order by correcting the name of that county, with effect from 30th June 2006.

**8. Impact**

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

**9. Contact**

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