



Health Services and Public Health Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 46

An Act to amend the National Health Service Act 1946 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 and make other amendments connected with the national health service; to make amendments connected with local authorities' services under the National Assistance Act 1948; to amend the law relating to notifiable diseases and food poisoning; to amend the Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Act 1948; to amend the law relating to food and drugs; to enable assistance to be given to certain voluntary organisations; to enable the Minister of Health and Secretary of State to purchase goods for supply to certain authorities; to make other amendments in the law relating to the public health; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [26th July 1968]

Editorial Information

- X1** The text of ss. 44–46, 77 and 79 was taken from S.I.F. Group 81:3 (Local Government: Social Services); ss. 47–50, 52–66, 70–79 and Schs. 3,4 appeared in S.I.F. Group 100:3; provisions omitted from S.I.F. have been dealt with as referred to in other commentary.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: transfer of powers (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 79\(2\)](#); Act wholly in force at 18. 3. 1974 see [S.I. 1974/317](#).

Changes to legislation:

Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 59(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1056 Sch. para. 1\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force, see art. 1(2)(b))
- s. 63(2)(aa) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/1056 Sch. para. 1\(3\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force, see art. 1(2)(b))