

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1265

Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

PART VI

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

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56.—(1) [^{F2}The Department] shall, to the extent that it considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements, ^{F3}... provide primary medical services ^{F4}. . . , or secure their provision ^{F4}. . . .

(2) [^{F5}The Department] may (in addition to any other power conferred on it)—

(a) provide primary medical services itself ^{F6}. . . ;

(b) make such arrangements for their provision ^{F6}. . . as it thinks fit, and may in particular make contractual arrangements with any person.

(3) [^{F7}The Department] shall publish information about such matters as may be prescribed in relation to the primary medical services provided under this Part.

(4) A body on which functions are conferred under this Article shall co-operate with any other such body in the discharge of their respective functions relating to the provision of primary medical services under this Part.

(5) Regulations may provide that services of a prescribed description are, or are not, to be regarded as primary medical services for the purposes of this Part.

(6) Regulations under this Article may in particular describe services by reference to the manner or circumstances in which they are provided.]

F1 2004 NI 2

F2 Words in art. 56(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 22(2)(a)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F3 Words in art. 56(1) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 22(2)(b)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F4 Words in art. 56(1) repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), s. 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 3(30)(a), **Sch. 7**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**

F5 Words in art. 56(2) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 22(3)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

F6 Words in art. 56(2) repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), s. 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 3(30)(b), **Sch. 7**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**

F7 Words in art. 56(3) substituted (1.4.2022) by Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 22(4)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

Changes to legislation:

Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, Section 56 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 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 :

- Instrument amended by [1995 c. 51 s.4Sch. para.30](#)

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

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

- art. 56(4C)(4D) substituted by [S.I. 2002/3135 Sch. 1 para. 16](#) (This amendment has not been applied as it has been superceded by the substitution of art. 56 by 2004/311 NI 2 art. 3)
- art. 61-61E and art. 61F and cross-heading substituted for art. 61 by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(2\)](#) (This amending provision is itself amended (13.6.2016) before it comes into force by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.), ss. 9, 20(2))
- art. 98(3) added by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(1\)](#)
- art. 107(1A) inserted by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(4\)\(b\)](#)