



Health Services Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 83

PART IV

SUPPLEMENTARY AND GENERAL

23 General interpretation, amendments and repeals.

(1) In this Act—

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.....
[^{F2}“the National Health Service Acts” means, for England and Wales, the National Health Service Acts 1946 to 1973 or for Scotland, the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1973,]

“the national health services” means the health services established in England and Wales and in Scotland respectively in pursuance of section 1 of the principal Act;

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.....
[^{F4}“the principal Act” means, for England and Wales, the ^{M1}National Health Service Act 1977 or, for Scotland, the ^{M2}National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;]

and, unless the context otherwise requires, any expression to which a meaning is assigned by the principal Act for the purposes of that Act has that meaning also for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Except so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to an enactment is a reference to it as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

[^{F5}(2A) The Secretary of State may by order provide that this Act shall extend to the Isles of Scilly with such modifications, if any, as are specified in the order, and except as may be so provided this Act does not extend to the Isles of Scilly.]

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(5) F7

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health Services Act 1976, Section 23. (See end of Document for details)

- (6) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 5 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column 3 of that Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Definitions repealed by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, **Sch. 16** and [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 17**
- F2** Definition repealed by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, **Sch. 16** and [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 17**
- F3** Definition repealed by [Health Services Act 1980 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 7**
- F4** Definition substituted by [Health Services Act 1980 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 6(1)**
- F5** [S. 23\(2A\)](#) inserted by [Health Services Act 1980 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 6(2)**
- F6** [Ss. 2, 4, 5, 7–11, 23\(3\)\(4\)](#) and [Schs. 3 and 4](#) repealed by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, **Sch. 16** and [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 17**
- F7** [S. 23\(5\)](#) repealed by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, **Sch. 16** and [Health Services Act 1980 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 7**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** The text of [ss. 19\(2\)\(3\)\(4\), 23\(6\)](#) and [Sch. 5](#) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1977 c. 49](#).
- M2** [1978 c. 29](#).

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