



# National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 46

### PART I

#### PILOT SCHEMES FOR PRIMARY CARE

##### *Financial provisions*

#### **18 Funding of preparatory work**

- (1) Provision may be made by regulations for authorities to make payments of financial assistance for preparatory work.
- (2) “Preparatory work” means work which it is reasonable for a person to undertake—
  - (a) in connection with preparing proposals for a pilot scheme; or
  - (b) in preparing for the provision by him of any piloted services.
- (3) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision—
  - (a) prescribing the circumstances in which payments of financial assistance may be made;
  - (b) imposing a limit on the amount of any payment of financial assistance which an authority may make in any prescribed period in respect of any one person or any one pilot scheme;
  - (c) imposing a limit on the aggregate amount which an authority may pay by way of financial assistance in any one financial year;
  - (d) requiring a person to whom assistance is given under this section to comply with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with prescribed requirements; and
  - (e) for repayment in the case of a failure to comply with any condition so imposed.