



# Data Protection Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 29

### PART VI **U.K.**

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *General*

#### 69 **Meaning of “health professional”.** **U.K.**

- (1) In this Act “health professional” means any of the following—
- (a) a registered medical practitioner,
  - (b) a registered dentist as defined by section 53(1) of the <sup>M1</sup>Dentists Act 1984,
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(c) a registered dispensing optician or a registered optometrist within the meaning of the Opticians Act 1989,]
  - (d) a registered pharmaceutical chemist as defined by section 24(1) of the <sup>M2</sup>Pharmacy Act 1954 or a registered person as defined by Article 2(2) of the <sup>M3</sup>Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976,
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(e) a registered nurse or midwife]
  - (f) a registered osteopath as defined by section 41 of the <sup>M4</sup>Osteopaths Act 1993,
  - (g) a registered chiropractor as defined by section 43 of the <sup>M5</sup>Chiropractors Act 1994,
  - (h) any person who is registered as a member of a profession to which [<sup>F3</sup>the Health Professions Order 2001] for the time being extends,
  - (i) a clinical psychologist [<sup>F4</sup>or child psychotherapist] ,
  - (j) <sup>F5</sup> .....
  - (k) a scientist employed by such a body as head of a department.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a) “registered medical practitioner” includes any person who is provisionally registered under section 15 or 21 of the <sup>M6</sup>Medical Act 1983 and is engaged in such employment as is mentioned in subsection (3) of that section.
- (3) In subsection (1) “health service body” means—

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- (a) a [<sup>F6</sup>Strategic Health Authority or a] Health Authority established under section 8 of the <sup>M7</sup>National Health Service Act 1977,
- (b) a Special Health Authority established under section 11 of that Act,
- [<sup>F7</sup>(bb) a Primary Care Trust established under section 16A of that Act,]
- [<sup>F8</sup>(bbb) a Local Health Board established under section 16BA of that Act,]
- (c) a Health Board within the meaning of the <sup>M8</sup>National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,
- (d) a Special Health Board within the meaning of that Act,
- (e) the managers of a State Hospital provided under section 102 of that Act,
- (f) a National Health Service trust first established under section 5 of the <sup>M9</sup>National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 or section 12A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,
- [<sup>F9</sup>(fa) an NHS foundation trust;]
- (g) a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the <sup>M10</sup>Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972,
- (h) a special health and social services agency established under the <sup>M11</sup>Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, or
- (i) a Health and Social Services trust established under Article 10 of the <sup>M12</sup>Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 69(1)(c) substituted by [The Opticians Act 1989 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/848\)](#), art. 28, [Sch. 1 para. 12](#) (with art. 29, Sch. 2) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)-(6))
- F2** S. 69(1)(e) substituted by [The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 \(S.I. 2002/253\)](#), art. 54(3), [Sch. 5 para. 14](#) (with art. 3(18)) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.)
- F3** Words in s. 69(1)(h) substituted by [The Health Professions Order 2001 \(S.I. 2002/254\)](#), art. 48(3), [Sch. 4 para. 7](#) (with art. 3(19)) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.)
- F4** Words in s. 69(1)(i) substituted (9.7.2003) by [The Health Professions Order 2001 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1590\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. para. 1\(a\)](#)
- F5** S. 69(1)(j) omitted (9.7.2003) by virtue of [The Health Professions Order 2001 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1590\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. para. 1\(b\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 69(3)(a) inserted (1.10.2002) by [The National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(Supplementary, Consequential etc. Provisions\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2469\)](#), reg. 4, [Sch. 1 para. 24](#)
- F7** S. 69(3)(bb) inserted (8.2.2000) by [S.I. 2000/90](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 para. 33](#)
- F8** S. 69(3)(bbb) inserted (10.10.2002 for W. and otherwise prosp.) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 6(2), 42(3), [Sch. 5 para. 41](#); [S.I. 2002/2532](#), art. 2, Sch.
- F9** S. 69(3)(fa) inserted (1.4.2004) by [Health and Social Care \(Community Health and Standards\) Act 2003 \(c. 43\)](#), ss. 34, 199, [Sch. 4 para. 107](#); [S.I. 2004/759](#), art. 2

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1984 c. 24.
- M2** 1954 c. 61.
- M3** [S.I. 1976/1213 \(N.I.22\)](#).

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- M4** 1993 c. 21.
- M5** 1994 c. 17.
- M6** 1983 c. 54.
- M7** 1977 c. 49.
- M8** 1978 c. 29.
- M9** 1990 c. 19.
- M10** S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I.14).
- M11** S.I. 1990/247 (N.I.3).
- M12** S.I. 1991/194 (N.I.1).

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