



National Health Service Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 41

PART 10

PROTECTION OF NHS FROM FRAUD AND OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES

Preliminary

196 Persons and bodies about which provision is made by this Part

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), and any provision made under subsection (7), “NHS body” has the meaning given by [^{F1}section 275(1)].
- (3) In section 195(3), and in section 197(1) so far as having effect in relation to the Secretary of State's security management functions referred to in section 195(3), an “NHS body” means—
 - [^{F2}(za) [^{F3}NHS England],
 - [^{F4}(zb) an integrated care board,]]
 - ^{F5}(a)
 - (b) a Special Health Authority, so far as performing functions in respect of England,
 - ^{F6}(c)
 - (d) an NHS trust all or most of whose hospitals, establishments and facilities are situated in England, or
 - (e) an NHS foundation trust.
- (4) A “health service provider” means any person (other than an NHS body) providing—
 - (a) primary medical services, primary dental services or pharmaceutical services under this Act or the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42),
 - (b) general ophthalmic services under that Act, or
 - (c) primary ophthalmic services.

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- (5) An “NHS contractor” means any person (other than an NHS body or a person within subsection (4)) providing services of any description under arrangements made with an NHS body.
- [^{F7}(5A) A “public health service contractor” means any person providing services of any description under arrangements made in the exercise of the public health functions of the Secretary of State or a local authority.]
- (6) A “statutory health body” means any body (other than an NHS body, or a person within subsection (4) or (5)) established by or under an enactment and—
- (a) providing services in connection with the provision of, or
 - (b) exercising functions in relation to,
- the health service in either England or Wales or both.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) make such amendments of any of subsections (2) to (6) as he considers appropriate,
 - (b) make such consequential amendments of this Part as he considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 196(2) substituted (1.10.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 4 para. 104\(2\)](#); S.I. 2012/1831, art. 2(2); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F2** S. 196(3)(za)(zb) inserted (1.10.2012) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 4 para. 104\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2012/1831, art. 2(2)
- F3** Words in Act substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(1\)\(2\)](#); S.I. 2022/734, [reg. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch.](#) (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F4** S. 196(3)(zb) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), [Sch. 4 para. 111](#); S.I. 2022/734, [reg. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch.](#) (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F5** S. 196(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 4 para. 104\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F6** S. 196(3)(c) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 4 para. 104\(3\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F7** S. 196(5A) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 4 para. 104\(4\)](#); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 196(3)(d) omitted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 33](#)

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. 3B(1)(aa) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(za) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 2\(a\)](#)
- s. 13G(4) words omitted by virtue of [2012 c. 7, Sch. 14 para. 4A](#) (as inserted) by [2014 c. 23 s. 120\(18\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 35(3A)(3B) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 159\(4\)](#)
- s. 35(3A) words substituted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 5 para. 12\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 35(3A) by [2012 c. 7 s.159\(4\)](#) not yet in force.)
- s. 40(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 40(4) by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 5](#)
- s. 42(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 6](#)
- s. 65F(2A)-(2F) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 15\(4\)](#) (This amendment is itself amended before it comes into force by [2014 c. 23, ss. 85\(15\), 120\(18\)\(b\)\(c\), 127\(1\); S.I. 2014/1714, art. 3\(2\)\(b\)\(c\)](#))
- s. 65H(10A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 17\(4\)](#)
- s. 65H(10A) omitted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 8 para. 7\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14](#) revoked at 1.7.2022 by [2022 c. 31, s. 186\(6\), Sch. 7 para. 13](#) before the insertion of s. 65H(10A) could come into effect.)
- s. 82A-83A and cross-heading substituted for s. 83 and cross-heading by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 84(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 84(4) by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 92(5A) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 94(3)(ca)(cb) substituted for s. 94(3)(ca) by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 98A98B substituted for s. 98A by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 14](#)
- s. 98BC-99B and cross-heading substituted for s. 99 and cross-heading by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 15](#)
- s. 100(3A)(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 16\(4\)](#)
- s. 109(3)(ca)(cb) substituted for s. 109(3)(ca) by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 23\(3\)](#)
- s. 112(1)(za) inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 114A114B substituted for s. 114A by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 26](#)
- s. 114C and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 27](#)
- s. 116A116B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 30](#)
- s. 117(4)(4A) substituted for s. 117(4) by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 31\(4\)](#)
- s. 125A125B substituted for s. 125A by [2022 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 39](#)
- s. 223C(1)(c)(d) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 28](#)
- s. 223LA inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(1)(b) and word omitted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 39\(3\)](#)