

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, SCOTLAND

The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972
(Commencement No. 2) Order 1973

Made - - - 28th February 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 65(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1973.

2. The following provisions of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 shall come into operation on 1st March 1973:—

- (1) Section 1 (General duty of Secretary of State)
- (2) Section 13 (Health Boards)
- (3) Section 52 (The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland)
- (4) Section 60 (Expenses)
- (5) Section 61 (Supplementary and transitional)
- (6) Section 62 (Regulations, orders and local enactments)
- (7) Section 63 (Interpretation)
- (8) Section 64 (Minor and consequential amendments and repeals) insofar as it relates to the amendment—
 - (a) by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6, of section 1 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(b); and
 - (b) by paragraph 114 of Schedule 6, of section 92(2) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960(c).

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
28th February 1973.

(a) 1972 c. 58.

(b) 1947 c.27.

(c) 1960 c.61

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Section 65 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 provides that its provisions shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint. This Order brings into effect those provisions of the Act which are set out in the Order. It has two main purposes:—

- (a) to make possible the formal establishment of Health Boards to undertake essential preparatory work in advance of the full reorganisation of the health service in Scotland;
- (b) to make possible an enlargement of the membership of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, to extend its powers with regard to persons who give evidence before it for the purpose of an enquiry under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, and to enable the Secretary of State to modify the total amount of money or valuables which may be held on behalf of a hospital patient only with the consent of the Commission.

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