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NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1974

*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - - 22nd April 1974**Coming into Operation - 1st May 1974*

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 (3) and (4) of the Midwives Act 1951(a), and now vested in her(b), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies and persons as appear to her to be concerned, hereby makes the following Order in the terms of a draft which has been laid before Parliament:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Board” means the Central Midwives Board.

(2) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act(c) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Constitution of the Central Midwives Board

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of article 4 of this Order, on the date of coming into operation of this Order, the Board shall be constituted in accordance with the following provisions of this article.

(2) The Board shall consist of seventeen persons of whom—

- (a) Seven (of whom two shall be certified midwives and one shall be a fully registered medical practitioner engaged in general practice) shall be appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with such bodies and persons as appear to him to be concerned;
- (b) Four shall be fully registered medical practitioners appointed, as to one each, by the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Society of Community Medicine;
- (c) Four shall be certified midwives appointed by the Royal College of Midwives; and

(a) 1951 c. 53.

(b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) Two (not being certified midwives) shall be appointed, as to one each, by the County Councils' Association and the Faculty of Community Medicine.

4.—(1) Nothing in this Order shall affect the term of office of any person who is a member of the Board on the date of coming into operation of this Order.

(2) When the member of the Board appointed by the Society of Medical Officers of Health ceases to hold office, the vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed by the Society of Community Medicine.

(3) When the member of the Board appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations ceases to hold office, the vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed by the Faculty of Community Medicine.

Barbara Castle,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

22nd April 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Constitution of the Central Midwives Board with the effect that when the members of the Board appointed by the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the Association of Municipal Corporations cease to hold office they will be succeeded by persons appointed by the Society of Community Medicine and the Faculty of Community Medicine respectively.

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