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NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1975

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 2nd December 1975

Coming into Operation 15th December 1975

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 1975 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1975.

Interpretation

2. The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the purposes of 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 day 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 medical practitioner engaged in general practice) shall be appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with such bodies and persons as appear to her to be concerned;
- (b) Four shall be 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 Faculty of Community Medicine;
- (c) Four shall be certified midwives appointed by the Royal College of Midwives; and
- (d) Two (not being certified midwives) shall be appointed, as to one each, by the National Association of Health Authorities in England and Wales and the Society of Community Medicine.

(a) 1951 c. 53.

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

(c) 1889 c. 63.

Transitional provisions

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 Faculty 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 Society of Community Medicine.

(4) When the member of the Board appointed by the County Councils' Association ceases to hold office, the vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed by the National Association of Health Authorities in England and Wales.

Revocation of Order

5. The Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1974(a) is hereby revoked.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

2nd December 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order varies the constitution of the Central Midwives Board by substituting the National Association of Health Authorities in England and Wales for the County Councils' Association as the body which may appoint a member of the Board.

Other amendments are of a minor or drafting nature.

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