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**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

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**1982 No. 143****NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES****The National Health Service (Modification of the National Health Service Act 1977) Order 1982**

*Made* - - - 9th February 1982

*Laid before Parliament* 10th February 1982

*Coming into Operation* 3rd March 1982

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 15(5) and (5A) of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service (Modification of the National Health Service Act 1977) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 3rd March 1982.

*Modification of the National Health Service Act 1977*

2. Paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 14 to the National Health Service Act 1977 shall be modified by adding at the end the words “or (c) was made in accordance with regulations after that period where a Commissioner considers it reasonable to conduct an investigation”.

*Norman Fowler,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

9th February 1982.

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(a) 1973 c.32; section 15(A) was inserted by the National Health Service Act 1977 (c.49), section 129 and Schedule 15, paragraph 59.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order modifies paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 14 to the National Health Service Act 1977, which enables regulations to be made for the investigation of complaints in respect of abolished preserved Boards, by enabling the Health Service Commissioner for England to investigate a complaint more than one year after the abolition of a preserved Board where that Commissioner considers it reasonable for the complaint to be investigated. A "preserved Board" is a Board of Governors of a London Post-Graduate Teaching Hospital as defined in section 15(6) of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973.

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