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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 865**

**The General Medical Services and Personal Medical Services  
Transitional and Consequential Provisions Order 2004**

**PART 3**

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR GENERAL MEDICAL  
SERVICES CONTRACTS WHICH FOLLOW DEFAULT CONTRACTS**

**Annual returns and reviews**

**53.**—(1) Where, in a case to which this Part applies, the periods or part of the periods covered by the default contract and the general medical services contract fall in the same financial year—

- (a) notwithstanding the term of the general medical services contract which gives effect to paragraph 81 of Schedule 6 to the 2004 Regulations, the Primary Care Trust shall not require an annual return from the general medical services contractor if a return covering all or part of the same financial year has been requested from the default contractor; and
  - (b) any annual return submitted by the general medical services contractor for a financial year in which it also held a default contract shall provide the required information in relation to the default contract as well as in relation to the general medical services contract.
- (2) In this article, “financial year” means the twelve months ending with 31st March.