

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1977 NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE AND COMMUNITY CARE ACT 1990

The Code of Conduct for NHS Managers Directions 2002

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17*, paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 5(b) and paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 5A(c) to the National Health Service Act 1977, and paragraph 16(5) of Schedule 2 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990**, hereby gives the following Directions:

Application, commencement, interpretation

1.-(1) These Directions apply to all NHS bodies in England and shall come into force on 9 October 2002.

(2) These Directions shall be referred to as The Code of Conduct for NHS Managers Directions 2002.

(3) In these Directions .NHS bodies. means:

- (i) Strategic Health Authorities
- (ii) Special Health Authorities
- (iii) NHS Trusts
- (iv) Primary Care Trusts

Implementation of Code of Conduct for NHS Managers

2. NHS bodies shall take all reasonable steps to comply with the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct for NHS Managers appended to these Directions.

Effect of Direction

3. The fact of compliance or non-compliance with Direction 2 shall in itself have no effect on the validity or enforceability of a contract entered into by an NHS body to which these Directions apply.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health
M G Sturges

4 October 2002

*1977 c. 49. Section 17 was substituted by section 12(1) of the Health Act 1999 (c.8) and was amended by Schedule 5, Part 1, paragraph 5(1) and (3), to the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c.15) and by Schedule 1, paragraph 7 to the NHS Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c.17).

**Paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 5(b) and paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 5A(c) to the National Health Service Act 1977 (1977 c.49), and paragraph 16(5) of Schedule 2 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 were amended by section 6 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c.15).