

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The National Patient Safety Agency (Amendment) Directions 2011

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7(1), 8(1), 272(7) and (8) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a) gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the National Patient Safety Agency (Amendment) Directions 2011.

(2) These Directions come into force on 3rd June 2011.

(3) These Directions apply to the National Patient Safety Agency established by the National Patient Safety Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2001(b).

(4) In these Directions “the Principal Directions” means the Directions to the National Patient Safety Agency signed on 29th March 2005(c).

Amendment to direction 2 of the Principal Directions

2.—(1) In direction 2 of the Principal Directions (functions of the Agency)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—

“(d) to provide advice and guidance useful in the maintenance and promotion of patient safety, including advice and guidance on training, and to monitor the effectiveness of such advice and guidance;”;

(ii) for sub-paragraph (e) substitute—

“(e) to promote research which the Agency considers will contribute to improvements in patient safety and clinical assessment and to facilitate research which the Agency considers will contribute to improvements in English NHS Research Ethics Committees;”;

(iii) for sub-paragraph (f) substitute—

“(f) to report to and advise Ministers on matters affecting patient safety, clinical assessment and English NHS Research Ethics Committees;” and

(iv) omit sub-paragraphs (w) and (x); and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

“(a) consider and where appropriate, endorse guidance issued by other bodies concerning patient safety and clinical assessment; and

(b) with the approval of the Secretary of State, set local or national goals for improvements in patient safety, clinical assessment and the systems supporting research ethics committees;”.

(a) 2006 c. 41. By virtue of section 271 of the Act the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by those sections are exercisable only in relation to England.

(b) S.I. 2001/1743; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2005/504.

(c) Amended by the National Patient Safety Agency (Extension of Functions to Pharmacists and Miscellaneous Amendments) Directions 2009 signed on 31 March 2009, and the National Patient Safety Agency (Co-ordination of Patient Safety Activities Function) Directions 2009 signed on 1 June 2009. Copies of the directions can be obtained from the Department of Health, Patient Safety & Investigations, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



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