The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 98A, 272(7) and (8) and 273(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a), gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) (Amendment) Directions 2013 and come into effect immediately after they are signed.

(2) These Directions are given to the National Health Service Commissioning Board(b).

Amendment of direction 2 of the National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) Directions 2013

2. In direction 2 of National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) Directions 2013(c) (interpretation), for the definition of “District Valuer Service” substitute—

““District Valuer Service” means—

(a) the District Valuer Service of the Valuation Office Agency; or

(b) such other valuer as the Board may appoint for the purposes of these Directions, and any reference to “District Valuer” is to be construed accordingly;”(d).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

Name GARETH ARTHUR

Member of the Senior Civil Service

Date 19 November 2013

Department of Health

(a) 2006 c.41. Section 98A was inserted by section 49(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) (“the 2012 Act”). By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”), the powers conferred by these sections are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

(b) The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established by section 1H of the 2006 Act. Section 1H was inserted into the 2006 Act by section 9 of the 2012 Act.

(c) The National Health Service (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) Directions were signed on 28th March 2013.

(d) The Valuation Office Agency is an executive agency of HM Revenue and Customs.