(*b*) The members present at the meeting shall appoint one of themselves to preside at the meeting and paragraph (2) of regulation 11 shall not apply.

(3) The Council shall appoint a member to be vice-chairman, and any person so appointed shall, so long as he remains a member of the Council, hold office for such period as the Council may decide."

Dated this 27th day of January, 1950.

Arthur Woodburn,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations enable an Executive Council to appoint its own chairman, in accordance with the amendments to the Sixth Schedule to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, provided for in Part II of the Schedule to the National Health Service (Amendment) Act, 1949. The regulations further provide for the tenure of office of the first additional member of a Council to be appointed by the Secretary of State under the above provisions.

The National Health Service Executive Councils (Variation of Constitution) (Scotland) Order, 1950

1950 No. 610 (S. 45)

Made - - - -	12*th April*, 1950
Laid before Parliament	17*th April*, 1950
Coming into Operation	18*th April*, 1950

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sub-section (3) of section 32 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Health Service Executive Councils (Variation of Constitution) (Scotland) Order, 1950, and shall come into operation on the 18th day of April, 1950.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

2. The number of members of the Executive Council for the County of Lanark shall be thirty-seven, of whom—

(*a*) twelve members shall be appointed by the local health authorities whose areas are included in the area of that Executive Council;

(*b*) seven members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State;

(*c*) ten members shall be appointed by the Local Medical Committee;

(*d*) five members shall be appointed by the Local Dental Committee;

(*e*) three members shall be appointed by the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

3. The number of members of the Executive Council for the Counties of Midlothian, West Lothian, East Lothian and Peebles shall be twenty-seven, of whom—

(*a*) nine members shall be appointed by the local health authorities whose areas are included in the area of that Executive Council;

(*b*) five members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State;

(*c*) eight members shall be appointed by the Local Medical Committee;

(*d*) three members shall be appointed by the Local Dental Committee;

(*e*) two members shall be appointed by the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

4. The National Health Service Executive Councils (Variation of Constitution) (Scotland) Order, 1947(**a**), is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1950.

Hector McNeil,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The National Health Service (Amendment) Act, 1949, provides that the Chairman of an Executive Council is to be appointed by the members from their own number and not, as under the original Act of 1947, by the Secretary of State. By virtue of the National Health Service Executive Councils (Variation of Constitution) (Scotland) Order, 1947, the memberships of the Executive Councils for the County of Lanark and the Counties of the Lothians and Peebles were increased to 36 and 26, respectively, excluding the Chairman, in place of the normal number of 24 members, excluding the Chairman, provided for in the original Act.

This Order brings the provisions relating to the membership of the two Executive Councils into line with the new statutory provision mentioned above, by providing for 37 and 27 members respectively, and specifying the numbers to be appointed by the various interests.

The Order replaces the Order of 1947, which is accordingly revoked.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1321) I, p. 1334.