STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1192

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Health Authorities) Order 1973

Made - - -	*9th July* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*16th July* 1973
Coming into Operation	*6th August* 1973

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(1) of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Health Authorities) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 6th August 1973.

(2) In this Order:—

"The Act of 1973" means the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973;

"Authority" means Regional Health Authority;

"The Determination of Regions Order" means the National Health Service (Determination of Regions) Order 1973(**b**).

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order as they apply for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Constitution of Authorities

2. There is hereby constituted an Authority for each of the regions set out in the Schedule to the Determination of Regions Order, and numbered respectively 1 to 14 in that Schedule, for the purpose of exercising any functions exercisable by such an Authority by virtue of any provision of the Health Service Acts and for the purpose of exercising, on behalf of the Secretary of State, such of his functions relating to the health service as are specified in directions given by him under section 7 of the Act of 1973.

Titles of Authorities

3. The Authority for each of the said regions numbered 1 to 14 in the

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(**a**) 1973 c. 32.
(**b**) S.I. 1973/1191 (1973 II, p. 3566).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

Schedule to the Determination of Regions Order and correspondingly numbered in column (1) of the Schedule hereto shall be known by the title set out in column (2) of the Schedule hereto opposite the number in column (1).

Membership of Authorities

4. Each Authority shall consist of a chairman and such number of other members as is shown in column (3) of the Schedule hereto opposite the number of the region in column (1) all of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1973.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

9th July 1973.

SCHEDULE

Column (1) Number of Region	Column (2) Title of Regional Authority	Column (3) Number of Members (Excluding Chairman)
1.	Northern Regional Health Authority	16
2.	Yorkshire Regional Health Authority	16
3.	Trent Regional Health Authority	18
4.	East Anglia Regional Health Authority	14
5.	North West Thames Regional Health Authority	16
6.	North East Thames Regional Health Authority	15
7.	South East Thames Regional Health Authority	15
8.	South West Thames Regional Health Authority	14
9.	Wessex Regional Health Authority	14
10.	Oxford Regional Health Authority	14
11.	South Western Regional Health Authority	15
12.	West Midlands Regional Health Authority	16
13.	Mersey Regional Health Authority	14
14.	North Western Regional Health Authority	16

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order establishes Regional Health Authorities in England for the purposes of regional administration of the National Health Service as reorganised under the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973.

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