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## DIRECTIONS

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# THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Primary Medical Services (Electronic Prescription Service Authorisation) (Amendment No. 2) Directions 2012

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

### Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Primary Medical Services (Electronic Prescription Service Authorisation) (Amendment No. 2) Directions 2012 and come into force on 1st February 2013.

(2) These Directions are given to Primary Care Trusts.

### Amendment to the Schedule

2.—(1) The Schedule to the Primary Medical Services (Electronic Prescription Service Authorisation) Directions 2011<sup>(b)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In the appropriate alphabetical position, insert—

- (a) Barnsley Primary Care Trust;
- (b) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust;
- (c) Bath and North East Somerset Primary Care Trust;
- (d) Bedfordshire Primary Care Trust;
- (e) Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust;
- (f) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust;
- (g) Coventry Teaching Primary Care Trust;
- (h) Derby City Primary Care Trust;
- (i) Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust;
- (j) Dudley Primary Care Trust;
- (k) Ealing Primary Care Trust;
- (l) Hounslow Primary Care Trust;
- (m) Luton Primary Care Trust;
- (n) Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust;
- (o) North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust;

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(a) 2006 c.41. By virtue of section 271(1) of the Act, the powers exercised in making these Directions are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

(b) These Directions were signed on 8th April 2011. The Schedule to the Directions was amended by the Primary Medical Services (Electronic Prescription Authorisation) (Amendment) Directions 2012, signed on 8th November 2012. Both Directions are published on <http://www.dh.gov.uk>. The electronic prescription service is an electronic system that enables the transmission of digitally signed prescriptions and prescription messages from primary medical services contractors to dispensing contractors. The NHS IT infrastructure including the electronic prescription service is under continuous development. Details of the NHS IT infrastructure are published on <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk>.

- (p) Peterborough Primary Care Trust;
- (q) Portsmouth City Teaching Primary Care Trust;
- (r) Sandwell Primary Care Trust;
- (s) Sefton Primary Care Trust;
- (t) Warwickshire Primary Care Trust; and
- (u) Wirral Primary Care Trust.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

Date

A member of the Senior Civil Service  
Department of Health