

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The National Patient Safety Agency (Amendment No. 2) Directions 2011

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7(1), 8(1), 272(7) 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 No. 2) Directions 2011.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1st September 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. In paragraph 1(1) of direction 2 of the Principal Directions (functions of the Agency) for subparagraph (v) substitute—

“(v) to identify, in such areas of health care as may be notified by the Secretary of State, patterns of practice or service provision in the health service that appear to them to be causally related to unexpected or serious adverse outcomes and thereafter to make recommendations for good practice arising therefrom;”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



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(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, amended by S.I. 2003/1077 and 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, the National Patient Safety Agency (Co-ordination of Patient Safety Activities Function) Directions 2009 signed on 1 June 2009 and the National Patient Safety Agency (Amendment) Directions 2011 signed on 1 June 2011. Copies of the directions can be obtained from the Department of Health, Patient Safety & Investigations, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG.