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## DIRECTIONS

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# THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Primary Medical Services (Electronic Prescription Service Authorisation) (Amendment) 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) Directions 2012 and come into force on 1st December 2012.

(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) Ashton, Leigh and Wigan Primary Care Trust;
- (b) Barking and Dagenham Primary Care Trust;
- (c) Barnet Primary Care Trust;
- (d) Bournemouth and Poole Teaching Primary Care Trust;
- (e) Bristol Primary Care Trust;
- (f) Calderdale Primary Care Trust;
- (g) Camden Primary Care Trust;
- (h) Enfield Primary Care Trust;
- (i) Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust;
- (j) Halton and St Helens Primary Care Trust;
- (k) Harrow Primary Care Trust;
- (l) Hartlepool Primary Care Trust;
- (m) Havering Primary Care Trust;
- (n) Kingston Primary Care Trust;
- (o) Knowsley Primary Care Trust;
- (p) Leicester City Primary Care Trust;
- (q) Lewisham Primary Care Trust;

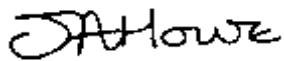
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(a) 2006 c.41. By virtue of section 271(1) of the Act, the powers exercised in making these Directions are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

(b) These Directions were signed on 8th April 2011 and 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>.

- (r) Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust;
- (s) North Somerset Primary Care Trust;
- (t) Plymouth Teaching Primary Care Trust;
- (u) Redcar and Cleveland Primary Care Trust;
- (v) Richmond and Twickenham Primary Care Trust;
- (w) South Birmingham Primary Care Trust;
- (x) South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust;
- (y) Stockport Primary Care Trust;
- (z) Stockton-on-Tees Teaching Primary Care Trust;
- (aa) Stoke on Trent Primary Care Trust;
- (bb) Surrey Primary Care Trust;
- (cc) Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust;
- (dd) Swindon Primary Care Trust;
- (ee) Torbay Care Trust;
- (ff) Wandsworth Primary Care Trust; and
- (gg) Wiltshire Primary Care Trust.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



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