

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (EXPENDITURE ON SERVICE  
INTEGRATION) DIRECTIONS 2023**

The Secretary of State gives these Directions in exercise of powers conferred by sections 223B(6) and 223B(7A) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (the Act)<sup>1</sup>.

**Commencement and interpretation**

1. (1) These Directions are given to NHS England and come into force on the day they are made.
- (2) For the purposes of these Directions, “designated amount” has the meaning given in section 223GA(1) of the Act.

**Amount of funding for service integration**

2. During the financial year ending 31 March 2024, NHS England must ensure that the sum of five billion, fifty-nine million, one hundred and forty-one thousand, four hundred and fifty-two pounds and zero pence (£5,059,141,452.00) is used for purposes relating to service integration.
3. The sum specified at paragraph 2 must derive from the sum allotted to NHS England under section 223B(1) of the Act in respect of that financial year.

**Consultation**

4. Before giving any direction to integrated care boards under section 223GA(1) of the Act, NHS England must first consult the Secretary of State on:
  - (a) the designated amount to be paid to each integrated care board under section 223G of the Act in respect of that financial year to be used for purposes relating to service integration; and
  - (b) the conditions subject to which the designated amount is payable pursuant to sections 223G(7) and 223GA(4) of the Act.
5. Before exercising any of the powers under section 223GA(5) of the Act, NHS England must first consult the Secretary of State.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



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<sup>1</sup> 2006 c. 41. Section 223B(6) of the Act was amended, and section 223B(7A) of the Act was inserted, by section 15 of the Health and Care Act 2022. Section 273(4) of the Act states that a direction by the Secretary of State under this Act must be given by an instrument in writing.