

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (EXPENDITURE ON SERVICE INTEGRATION)
DIRECTIONS 2025**

The Secretary of State gives these Directions to NHS England in respect of the financial year ending on 31st March 2026, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 223B(6) and 223B(7A) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (the 2006 Act)¹.

Commencement and interpretation

1. (1) These Directions are given to NHS England and come into force on the day after the day on which they are signed.
- (2) For the purposes of these Directions, “designated amount” has the meaning given in section 223GA(1) of the 2006 Act.

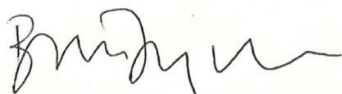
Amount of funding for service integration

2. During the financial year starting 1st April 2025 and ending 31st March 2026, NHS England must ensure that the sum of five billion, six hundred and twenty million, five hundred and twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and thirty pounds and zero pence (£5,620,522,830) 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 2006 Act in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2026.

Consultation

4. Before giving any direction to integrated care boards under section 223GA(1) of the 2006 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 2006 Act in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2026 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 2006 Act.
5. Before exercising any of the powers under section 223GA(5) of the 2006 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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¹ 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.