THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (EXPENDITURE ON SERVICE INTEGRATION) DIRECTIONS 2026

The Secretary of State gives these Directions to NHS England in respect of the financial year starting 1st April 2026 and ending 31st March 2027, 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 —

"service integration" has the meaning given in section 223B(7) and section 223B(8) of the 2006 Act.

"designated amount" has the meaning given in section 223GA(l) of the 2006 Act,

Amount of funding for service integration

2. During the financial year starting 1st April 2026 and ending 31st March 2027, NHS England must use the sum of five billion, seven hundred and ninety million, nine hundred and sixty-nine thousand, eight hundred and eighteen pounds and zero pence (£5,790,969,818) 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(l) of the 2006 Act in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2027.

Consultation

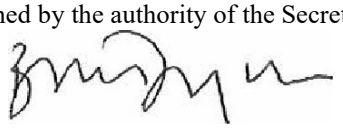
4. Before giving any direction to integrated care boards under section 223GA(l) of the 2006 Act, NHS England must first consult the Secretary of State on

(a) the designated amount of the sum paid to each integrated care board under section 223G of the 2006 Act in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2027 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.