STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The National Health Service (Revision of NHS Constitution Guiding Principles) Regulations 2015

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The Secretary of State makes these Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(4) of the Health Act 2009(**1**), and after undertaking the consultation required by section 4(2) and (3) of that Act(**2**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Revision of NHS Constitution Guiding Principles) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 27thJuly 2015.

2. In these Regulations "guiding principle" means one of the guiding principles set out in the NHS Constitution, within the meaning of Part 1, Chapter 1 of the Health Act 2009(**3**).

Revision of guiding principles

3. The guiding principles are revised in accordance with regulations 4 and 5.

Revision of first guiding principle

4. For the first guiding principle substitute—

"**1.** The NHS provides a comprehensive service, available to all irrespective of gender, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy and

(**1**) 2009 c.21.

(**2**) A consultation document entitled *A consultation on updating the NHS Constitution* was published by the Department of Health on 11th February 2015. It is available online at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417637/Update_NHS_Constitution.pdf; and in hard copy from: NHS Constitution Team, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2NS.

(**3**) The version of the NHS Constitution in force on the date these Regulations were made was that published by the Department of Health on 26th March 2013. It applies only in relation to England. It is available online at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england; and in hard copy from: NHS Constitution Team, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2NS.