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The General Grants (Health Authorities) (Pooling Arrangements) Regulations, 1960

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The Minister of Health, in the exercise of his powers under paragraph 1 of Part IV of the First Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1958(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation and Commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the General Grants (Health Authorities) (Pooling Arrangements) Regulations, 1960, and shall come into operation on the nineteenth day of February, 1960.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health; and

"general grants" has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (1) of section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1958.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Notification of expenditure

3. Every local health authority shall, at such times and in such form as the Minister may from time to time require, notify the Minister of its estimated net expenditure and actual net expenditure in respect of each financial year :—

(*a*) in the training of persons to become health visitors or in respect of persons who are being so trained; and

(*b*) in the training of persons to become midwives or in respect of persons who are being so trained;

and every such notification shall be certified by the chief financial officer of the authority.

Apportionment of expenditure

4.—(1) The aggregate amount of the actual net expenditure incurred in relation to the matters referred to in paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing regulation shall be apportioned amongst all local health authorities in such manner that each authority shall be liable for meeting a share of the said expenditure in accordance with the following formula :—

The said expenditure shall be apportioned in the ratio which the population of the area of each authority for the appropriate financial year bears to the total population of the areas of all authorities for that year.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 55. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) The aggregate amount of the actual net expenditure incurred in relation to the matters mentioned in paragraph (*b*) of the last foregoing regulation shall be apportioned amongst all local health authorities in such manner that each authority shall be liable for meeting a share of the said expenditure in accordance with the following formula :—

The said expenditure shall be apportioned in the ratio which the number of domiciliary births in the area of each authority for the appropriate financial year bears to the total number of such births in the areas of all authorities for that year.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

(*a*) " the population " means the population as at the 30th day of June in the appropriate financial year as estimated and certified to the Minister by the Registrar-General for England and Wales; and

(*b*) " the number of domiciliary births " means, in relation to the area of a local health authority, the number of births (including still-births) occurring in that area elsewhere than in hospitals or maternity homes as estimated by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation upon the best information available and notified to the authority.

Adjustment of the general grant

5. The Minister shall ascertain the amount by which the general grant to each county council and county borough council shall be increased or decreased by comparing the actual net expenditure of each local health authority in relation to the matters referred to in regulation 3 of these regulations with its apportioned share of the aggregate expenditure in relation to those matters and shall notify each authority accordingly.

6.—(1) The Minister shall, before the 31st December immediately preceding the beginning of each financial year, certify to the Minister of Housing and Local Government the estimated amount of the increases and decreases of general grants which ought to be made for the ensuing financial year having regard to the notifications of estimated net expenditure referred to in regulation 3 of these regulations.

(2) The Minister shall, before the 31st December immediately following the close of each financial year, certify to the Minister of Housing and Local Government the amount of the adjustments to general grants which ought to be made in respect of the preceding financial year, having regard to the notifications of actual net expenditure referred to in regulation 3 of these regulations.

(3) The Minister shall as soon as practicable certify to the Minister of Housing and Local Government the final amount of the adjustments to general grants which ought to be made in respect of each financial year having regard to the audited accounts of each local health authority.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty.

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Derek Walker-Smith,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide for ascertaining the total expenditure of all local health authorities on the training of health visitors and midwives and for apportioning the total among those authorities on the basis of population and number of domiciliary births. The general grant payable to each local health authority under section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1958, is adjusted to take account of the difference between the authority's actual expenditure on the training of health visitors and midwives and its apportioned share of the total.