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HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical Practitioner Loans

ORDER, DATED 8TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967(a).

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 12 of the Health Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Health Services (General Practitioner Loans) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968.

2. The Board may make loans to practitioners providing General Medical Services for the purposes of enabling them—

(*a*) to provide, or to acquire a share in, premises used or to be used, in whole or in part, for the provision of those services;

(*b*) to alter, enlarge, improve or repair such premises;

(*c*) to acquire any land required for the erection of, or in connection with the use of, such premises;

(*d*) to repay any loan raised by them for any such purpose.

3. The Board shall perform its functions under this Order in accordance with a scheme to be made by the Ministry and shall comply with any directions given by the Ministry thereunder.

4.—(1) Subject to the limit specified in Section 12(5)(*a*) of the Health Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 the Board may borrow such sums as it may require for the purposes of this Order.

(2) The Ministry of Finance shall guarantee in such manner and on such conditions as it thinks fit, the payment of interest on and the repayment of the principal of any loan which the Board may raise under Article 4(1).

(3) Any funds surplus to the Board's immediate requirements may be deposited in a bank, invested in Treasury Bills or invested in such manner as the Ministry of Health and Social Services with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may approve.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board, in accordance with the scheme or with directions issued by the Ministry thereunder, to secure payment of the interest on and repayment of the principal of any loans made under Article 2. The

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(a) 1967. c. 9 (N.I.).

A draft of this Order was approved by Resolution of the Senate on 4th April 1968 and by Resolution of the House of Commons on 3rd April 1968.

rate of interest payable on a loan shall be determined by the Ministry with the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

6. The Board may where land or other property has been conveyed to them as a security for a loan made under Article 2, hold and dispose of such land or other property.

7. All expenses incurred by the Board under this Order shall be defrayed out of the revenue account of the Board in respect of loans.

8. Section 6 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 shall be repealed from 8th April 1968.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April 1968.

(L.S.) *S. H. O'Fee,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April 1968.

(L.S.) *James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate the general purport.)

This Order empowers the General Health Services Board to make loans to general medical practitioners to enable them to purchase practice premises, to alter, enlarge, improve or repair practice premises, to acquire land for use in connection with practice premises, in accordance with a scheme to be made by the Ministry.

The Order provides for the borrowing powers of the Board, the guaranteeing, by the Ministry of Finance, of loans raised by the Board, the defrayal of expenses incurred in making loans to general medical practitioners and the repayment of interest and principal by general medical practitioners.

The Order authorises the Board to hold and dispose of land or any other property conveyed to them as security for a loan.