for the transfer to the Minister of Health of functions of the Board of Control) and certain amendments and repeals connected with the said sections forty-nine and fifty should come into force on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-seven:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the said subsection (1) of section seventy-nine of the said Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Service Act (Appointed Day) Order, 1948.

2. Save as provided by the said Order of 1947, the appointed day for the purposes of the National Health Service Act, 1946, shall be the fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Certain provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946 (namely, those transferring to the Minister of Health some of the administrative functions of the Board of Control under the Acts relating to mental treatment and mental deficiency) together with consequential amendments of those Acts and a few other enactments, were brought into force on the 1st July, 1947. This Order fixes July 5th, 1948, as the "appointed day" for all other provisions of the National Health Service Act.

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2. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIALISTS

The National Health Service (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 1416

Made - - - -	*25th June,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*28th June,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*29th June,* 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 14 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of June, 1948.

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

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

3. These regulations apply to the appointment by a Regional Hospital Board or by the Board of Governors of a teaching hospital of

any medical or dental officer, whether whole-time or part-time, to the staff of any hospital providing hospital and specialist services, being an officer appointed for the purpose of practising a special branch of medicine or dentistry, with full responsibility for the treatment of patients or the carrying out of clinical, pathological or ancillary methods of investigation, and the words " officer " and " office " shall be construed accordingly.

4. For the purpose of these regulations an advisory appointments committee shall be constituted on the occasion of each vacancy in an office, which for this purpose includes a new office which the Board propose to fill. The Committee shall be constituted, where an appointment to the office is to be made by a Regional Hospital Board, in accordance with the provisions in Part I of the schedule hereto, and where the appointment is to be made by a Board of Governors of a teaching hospital, in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the schedule.

5.—(1) Any vacancy in an office which it is proposed to fill shall be advertised in two or more journals circulating throughout England and Wales, being journals commonly used for advertisements of a similar kind relating to the profession concerned.

(2) The vacancy may also be advertised in such other journals or newspapers as the Board think fit.

6. The advertisement shall state—

(i) the nature of the appointment;.

(ii) Whether the appointment is for whole-time or part-time service; if part-time the approximate length of time per week which will be required;

(iii) The duration of the appointment;

(iv) The remuneration;

(v) The closing date for the receipt of applications; and

(vi) That canvassing of members of the Board or Advisory Appointments Commmittee will lead to disqualification.

7. The Advisory Appointments Committee shall consider all applications submitted to the Board before the closing date specified in the advertisement and may if they think fit require an applicant to attend before them for the purpose of an interview. After considering all the applications the Committee shall select from the applicants such persons as they think suitable for the appointment and submit their names to the Board together with any comments they may wish to make. If they are of opinion that none of the applicants is suitable for the appointment they shall so inform the Board.

8. No appointment shall be made by the Board except from applicants selected in the manner aforesaid.

9. The Board may make to the members of an Advisory Appointments Committee constituted by them, payments in respect of travelling and subsistence expenses in accordance with the scales set out in Parts II and III of the schedule to the National Health Service (Travelling Allowances, etc.) Regulations, 1947(a), and subject to the conditions set out in regulation 5 of those regulations.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1330) I, p. 1460.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Non-Teaching Hospitals

1. The Advisory Appointments Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Regional Hospital Board of whom one shall be selected by the Board to act as chairman.

2. Two of the members, of whom at least one shall be a medical practitioner in the case of the appointment of a medical officer or a dental practitioner in the case of the appointment of a dental officer shall be appointed on the nomination of the Hospital Management Committee concerned or if two or more Hospital Management Committees are concerned, on the nomination of those Committees jointly.

3. Of the other five members four at least shall be medical practitioners in the case of the appointment of a medical officer or dental practitioners in the case of the appointment of a dental officer and at least one shall be appointed after consultation with the University with which the provision of hospital and specialist services in the area of the Board is associated.

4. Of the members who are medical or dental practitioners at least two shall be, or shall have been, engaged in the practice of the special branch of medicine or dentistry concerned and at least one shall be so engaged outside the area of the Board.

PART II

Teaching Hospitals

1. The Advisory Appointments Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Governors of whom one shall be selected by the Board to act as chairman.

2. Two of the members shall be appointed on the nomination of the University with which the hospital is associated and at least one of such members shall be a medical practitioner in the case of the appointment of a medical officer or a dental practitioner in the case of the appointment of a dental officer.

3. Of the five members appointed otherwise than on the nomination of the University at least four shall be medical practitioners in the case of the appointment of a medical officer or dental practitioners in the case of the appointment of a dental officer and at least one shall be a person appointed after consultation with the Regional Hospital Board of the area in which the teaching hospital is situated or if the hospital is situated in the area of more than one Regional Hospital Board after consultation with both or all of such Boards.

4. Of the members who are medical or dental practitioners at least two shall be, or shall have been, engaged in the practice of the special branch of medicine or dentistry concerned and at least one shall be so engaged at some other teaching hospital.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations make provision with respect to the appointment of certain classes of medical and dental officers to the Hospital and Specialist Services. They require the advertising of posts to be filled and provide for the setting up of Advisory Appointments Committees to select and submit to the appointing body the names of the suitable applicants.