EXECUTIVE NOTE

The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/131

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 70A(1), 71(1), 71A, 105(7) and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 and sections 20(1), 39(2) and 40(2) of the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objective

The purpose of this instrument is to amend the National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/158) ("the 2003 Regulations") to provide for free oral health assessments and dental examinations.

The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 introduces free oral health assessments and dental examinations with effect from 1st April 2006 and delivers the Partnership Commitment to introduce free dental checks for all before 2007..

Consultation

No consultation has taken place on the preparation of this Instrument.

Financial Effect

Provision has been made within the General Dental Services budget to meet the cost of the assessments/examinations.

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