EXECUTIVE NOTE

The National Waiting Times Centre Board (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006
S.S.I. 2006/144

The above Instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred on Scottish Ministers by sections 2(1)(b) and (1C) and 105(7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 ("the Act"). The Instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Background

The National Waiting Times Centre Board (Scotland) Order 2002 (S.S.I. 2002/305) constituted a Special Health Board to be known as the National Waiting Times Centre Board (NWTCB). The Order conferred a number of functions on the NWTCB relating to treatment of patients and the provision of ancillary services at its hospital and hotel complex at Dalmuir, Clydebank.

Policy Objectives

The Instrument is necessary to confer on the NWTCB the power to pay the travelling and overnight expenses of:

- patients who need to travel to the NWTCB hospital for treatment and are accommodated overnight at the adjoining hotel due to the distance involved; and

- the companions of those patients unable to travel unaided to receive treatment at the hospital

in accordance with regulations made under section 75A of the Act.

Consultation

There has been no consultation on this Instrument which brings the NWTCB into line with Health Boards which have existing powers to pay expenses of these types.

Financial Effects

This Instrument will have no financial implications for the Scottish Executive nor NHSScotland as the overall cost of patient reimbursement will not change.

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