STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1003

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (Establishment) (Amendment) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*7th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st October 2026*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25(1), 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(**a**).

In accordance with section 25(3) of that Act, the Secretary of State has completed the consultation prescribed by regulations(**b**) made under that section.

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (Establishment) (Amendment) Order 2026 and comes into force on 1st October 2026.

(2) In this Order, "the Establishment Order" means the Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(**c**).

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment of requirements relating to directors

2. For article 4 of the Establishment Order (directors of the trust) substitute—

> **"4.** The trust must have, in addition to the chairman, 7 non-executive directors and 5 executive directors.".

(**a**) 2006 c. 41. Section 25 of the National Health Service Act 2006 was repealed by section 179(2) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7) but that repeal was not brought into force and has subsequently been repealed by section 48 of the Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31).

(**b**) S.I. 2010/743, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order. The prescribed consultation under regulation 2(2) of S.I. 2010/743 is that, before making an order under section 25(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 in relation to an NHS trust, the Secretary of State must consult that NHS trust.

(**c**) S.I. 1993/2561; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2011/1183 and S.I. 2024/14.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Karin Smyth
Minister of State
7th September 2026 Department of Health and Social Care

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993, which established the Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust ("the trust").

Article 2 increases the number of non-executive directors that the trust must have, in addition to the chairman, from 6 to 7.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no effect on private sector or civil society organisations, and no significant effect on the public sector.

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