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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rate Support Grants (Health Authorities) (Pooling Arrangements) Regulations 1968

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Coming into Operation	*29th March* 1968

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by paragraph 13 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1966(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rate Support Grants (Health Authorities) (Pooling Arrangements) Regulations 1968, and shall come into operation on 29th March 1968.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"authority" means local health authority ; and

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health.

(2) In these regulations, any reference to a numbered regulation is to the regulation bearing that number in these regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Notification of expenditure

3.—(1) Every authority shall in each year, in relation to expenditure incurred by the authority to which these regulations apply, make to the Minister in such form as he may direct—

(*a*) not later than 21st October, an estimate of—

(i) the expenditure incurred for the previous financial year ; and

(ii) the expenditure likely to be incurred for the ensuing financial year ; and

(*b*) as soon as practicable after the authority's accounts have been audited, an account of the expenditure incurred for the year to which the audit relates ;

and every such estimate or account shall be certified by the chief financial officer of the authority.

(**a**) 1966 c. 42. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

(2) These regulations apply to expenditure incurred—

(*a*) in the training of persons to become health visitors or in respect of persons who are being so trained; and

(*b*) in the training of persons to become midwives or in respect of persons who are being so trained.

Apportionment of expenditure

4.—(1) The aggregate of the expenditure incurred in relation to the matters referred to in regulation 3(2)(*a*) shall be so apportioned among authorities that each authority's share of the aggregate of that expenditure shall be in the ratio which in the relevant financial year the population of the area of the authority bears to the aggregate of the population of the areas of all authorities.

(2) The aggregate of the expenditure incurred in relation to the matters referred to in regulation 3(2)(*b*) shall be so apportioned among authorities that each authority's share of the aggregate of that expenditure shall be in the ratio which in the relevant financial year the number of domiciliary births in the area of the authority bears to the aggregate of the number of domiciliary births in the areas of all authorities.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

(*a*) "the population" means the population as at 30th June in the relevant financial year, as estimated by the Registrar-General for England and Wales; and

(*b*) "the number of domiciliary births" means the number of births (including still-births) occurring elsewhere than in hospitals or maternity homes, as estimated by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation upon the best information available and notified by him to the authority.

Adjustment of needs element

5. The Minister shall ascertain the amount by which the needs element payable to each authority ought to be increased or decreased by comparing the expenditure of each authority in relation to the matters referred to in regulation 3 with its apportioned share in relation to those matters; and he shall notify each authority accordingly.

Certificates of adjustments to the needs element

6.—(1) The Minister shall in each year certify to the Minister of Housing and Local Government—

(*a*) not later than 31st December, the estimated amount of the increases and decreases of the needs element which ought to be made for—

(i) the preceding financial year and

(ii) the ensuing financial year; and

(*b*) as soon as practicable after he has received the audited accounts of each authority, the actual amount of those increases and decreases.

(2) In making any estimate for the purposes of sub-paragraph (*a*) above the Minister may modify any estimate submitted by an authority under regulation 3 if, after consulting the authority, he is satisfied that in respect of any class of expenditure the expenditure likely to be incurred by the authority is substantially more or less than the amount shown in the estimate.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 20th March 1968.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide for the pooling, for the purposes of rate support grants paid under the Local Government Act 1966, of expenditure incurred by local health authorities in the training of health visitors and midwives, and for apportioning the total between authorities on the basis of, respectively, population and the number of domiciliary births.