EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE SCOTTISH DENTAL PRACTICE BOARD AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2010
SSI 2010/228

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(1), and (2), 25(1), 105(7), and 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Background

The Scottish Dental Practice Board ("SDPB") comprises a chair who must be a practising dentist and seven members – three lay members and four dentist members. The SDPB monitors the quality and probity of general dental services ("GDS") in Scotland and pays the claims submitted by dentists for the provision of GDS. The Common Services Agency provides the officials and systems to carry out these functions on the SDPB's behalf.

Policy Objectives

This instrument makes amendments to the Scottish Dental Practice Board Regulations 1997 which are consequential on the revocation of the National Health Services (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/177) and their replacement by the National Health Services (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (S.S.I 2010/208). References to the 1996 Regulations are replaced by references to the 2010 Regulations.

The opportunity is also taken to update the circumstances in which an SDPB member's term of office may be terminated, for example, by taking account of updated sanctions which may be imposed on dentists by the General Dental Council or by the NHS Tribunal.

Consultation

Copies of the draft Regulations were sent to the Scottish Dental Practice Board and the British Dental Association Scotland.

Financial Effects

The Instrument will have no financial effects on the Scottish Government or Health Boards.

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