

1996 No. 488

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND  
AND WALES**

**The Authorities for the Ashworth, Broadmoor  
and Rampton Hospitals (Establishment and  
Constitution) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - - 29th February 1996

*Laid before Parliament* 1st March 1996

*Coming into force* 1st April 1996

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred on him by sections 11(1), (2) and (4), 126(4) and paragraph 9(7)(b) of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Authorities for the Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton Hospitals (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

(2) In this Order—

“Authority” unless the context otherwise requires, means a Special Health Authority established by this Order;

“direct” and “directions” refer to directions given in exercise of a power conferred by the National Health Service Act 1977;

“the Schedule” means the Schedule to this Order.

**Establishment of the Authorities**

2. There are hereby established three Special Health Authorities which shall be known by the names specified in column (1) of the Schedule.

(a) 1977 c.49; section 11 was amended by paragraph 31 of Schedule 1 to the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53), Schedule 10 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19) (“the 1990 Act”) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c.17); section 126(5) was amended by section 65(2) of the 1990 Act and paragraph 9(7) was inserted into Schedule 5 by paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 1 to the 1990 Act.

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**Functions of the Authorities**

3. Subject to and in accordance with such directions (a) as the Secretary of State may give to it, each Authority specified in column (1) of the Schedule shall perform on behalf of the Secretary of State such functions relating to the special hospital specified opposite its name in column (2) of that Schedule as the Secretary of State may direct it by regulations(b) to perform on his behalf.

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4.—(1) Each Authority shall consist of a chairman and eight or ten other members.

(2) The chairman shall not be an officer of the Authority.

(3) The other members shall comprise an equal number of persons who are, and persons who are not, officers of the Authority.

(4) The members who are officers of the Authority shall include—

- (a) the chief executive;
- (b) the director of finance;
- (c) a registered medical practitioner; and
- (d) a registered nurse.

(5) Where more than one person is appointed jointly to an office in an Authority in relation to which an officer member is to be appointed, those persons shall become or be appointed as an officer member jointly, and shall count as one person for the purposes of this article.

**Remuneration of members**

5. Each Authority is specified for the purposes of paragraph 9(7)(b) of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

*John Bowis*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Health

29th February 1996

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(a) See, in particular, sections 13, 17 and 18 of the National Health Service Act 1977; section 13 was amended by paragraph 33 of Schedule 1 to the Health Services Act 1980 (c.53) ("the 1980 Act"), Schedule 10 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19) ("the 1990 Act") and paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c.17) ("the 1995 Act"); section 17 is substituted by paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Act; section 18 was amended by paragraphs 38 and 92 of Schedule 1 to the 1980 Act, article 7(2) of S.I. 1985/39 and Schedule 10 to the 1990 Act and paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Act.

(b) Directions are made in S.I. 1996/489.

**SCHEDULE**

Articles 2 and 3

**SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND THE HOSPITALS IN RESPECT  
OF WHICH THEIR FUNCTIONS SHALL BE EXERCISABLE**

<b>Column (1)</b>	<b>Column (2)</b>
<b>The Ashworth Hospital Authority</b>	<b>Ashworth Special Hospital, Maghull, Merseyside</b>
<b>The Broadmoor Hospital Authority</b>	<b>Broadmoor Special Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire</b>
<b>The Rampton Hospital Authority</b>	<b>Rampton Special Hospital, Retford, Nottinghamshire</b>