

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1992

Schedule 2

Terms of Service for Doctors

Important Note

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Termination of responsibility for patients

9. (1) Subject to paragraph 9A [amended by SI 1994 No 633 wef 1/4/94] a doctor may have any person removed from his list and shall notify the HA, in writing that he wishes to have a person removed from his list and, subject to sub-paragraph (2), the removal shall take effect:
- (a) on the date on which the person is accepted by or assigned to another doctor or is accepted for inclusion in a pooled list., [as amended by SI 1998 No 682 wef 1/4/98]; or
 - (b) on the eighth day after the HA, receives the notice, whichever is the sooner.
- (2) Where, at the date when the removal would take effect under sub-paragraph (1), the doctor is treating the person at intervals of less than 7 days, the doctor shall inform the HA in writing of the fact and the removal shall take effect -
- (a) on the eighth day after the HA, receives notification from the doctor that the person no longer needs such treatment; or
 - (b) on the date on which the person is accepted by or assigned to another doctor - or is accepted for inclusion in a pooled list. [as amended by SI 1998 No 682 wef 1/4/98];,
- whichever is the sooner.
- 9A (1) Where:
- (a) a person on a doctor's list has committed an act of violence against the doctor or has behaved in such a way that the doctor has feared for his safety; and
 - (b) the doctor has reported the incident to the police,

the doctor may notify the HA., that he wishes to have that person removed from his list with immediate effect.

- (2) Notification under sub-paragraph (1) may be given by any means including telephone or fax, but if not given in writing, shall subsequently be confirmed in writing within 7 days (and for this purpose a faxed notification is not a written one).
- (3) The time at which the doctor notifies the HA., shall be the time at which he makes the telephone call or sends or delivers the notification to the HA.
- (4) Where pursuant to this paragraph a doctor has notified the HA that he wishes to have a person's name removed from his list with immediate effect, he shall take all reasonable steps to inform the person concerned. [amended by SI 1994 No 633 wef 1/4/94]

10. Where a doctor informs the HA in writing, that he wishes to terminate his responsibility for a temporary resident, his responsibility for that person shall cease in accordance with paragraph 9, as if the temporary resident were a person on his list.

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- (1) A doctor with whom an arrangement has been made for the provision of any or all of the maternity medical services mentioned in regulation 31(1) [as amended by SI 1998 No 682 wef 1/4/98] may agree with the woman concerned to terminate the arrangement, and in default of agreement the doctor may apply to the HA for permission to terminate the arrangement.
 - (2) On an application under paragraph (1), the HA after considering any representations made by either party and after consulting the Local Medical Committee, may terminate the arrangement.
 - (3) Where a doctor ceases to provide any or all of the maternity medical services mentioned in regulation 31(1) [as amended by SI 1998 No 682 wef 1/4/98] he shall inform any woman for whom he has arranged to provide such services that he is ceasing to provide them and that she may make a fresh arrangement to receive those services from another doctor.