

# HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972

## ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2005

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 17 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby gives the following Directions:

### PART 1

#### GENERAL

##### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions, which may be cited as the Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions (Northern Ireland) 2004 shall come into operation on 25th August 2005.

(2) In these Directions—

“the Order” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“the GMS Contract Regulations” means the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(c);

“additional services” has the same meaning as in the GMS Contract Regulations;

“APMS” means arrangements made under Article 56(2)(b) of the Order (primary medical services)(d) for the provision of primary medical services and “APMS contract” and “APMS contractor” shall be construed accordingly;

“Board” means a Health and Social Services Board

“core hours” has the same meaning as in the GMS Contract Regulations;

“licensing body” means any body that licences or regulates any profession;

“list of patients” means in relation to an APMS contractor, the list maintained in respect of that contractor by the Board under direction 13;

“essential services” means the services described in regulation 15(3), (5), (6) and (8) of the GMS Contract Regulations (essential services) or services that are equivalent to those services and which are provided during core hours;

“HSS contract” has the meaning given to it in Article 8 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(e);

“health services body” means—

(a) any person or body referred to in Article 8(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; or

(b) persons entering into a contract who are to be regarded as a health services body in accordance with regulation 10 of the GMS Contract Regulations;

“national disqualification” has the same meaning as in the GMS Contract Regulations;

“out of hours period” means—

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(a) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

(b) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 2004 No. 140

(d) Article 56 was inserted into the Order by Article 3 of the Primary Medical Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

(e) S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)

(a) the period beginning at 6.30pm on any day from, and including, Monday to Thursday and ending at 8am on the following day,

(b) the period between 6.30pm on, and including, Friday and 8am on the following Monday, and

(c) any public holiday or local holiday agreed with the Board;

“out of hours services” means services required to be provided in all or part of the out of hours period which would be essential services if provided to the contractor’s patients in core hours;

“patient” means a person to whom the APMS contractor is required to provide primary medical services under his APMS contract; and

“prescriber” has the same meaning as in Regulation 2 of the GMS Contracts Regulations;

“primary medical services performers list” has the same meaning as in the GMS Contract Regulations;

“registered patient” means a person-

(a) who is recorded by the Board pursuant to Direction 13 as being on the APMS contractor’s list of patients, or

(b) whom the APMS contractor has accepted for inclusion on his list of patients, whether or not notification of that acceptance has been received by the Board and who has not been notified by the Board as having ceased to be on that list;

“repeatable prescriber” means a prescriber who is-

(a) engaged or employed by an APMS contractor which provides repeatable prescribing services under the terms of its APMS contract, or

(b) a party to an APMS contract under which such services are provided;

“repeatable prescribing services” means services which involve the prescribing of drugs, medicine or appliances on a repeatable prescription;

“repeatable prescription” means a prescription contained in a form provided by the Agency and issued by a prescriber to enable a person to obtain pharmaceutical services and which-

(a) is generated by a computer but signed by a prescriber, and

(b) indicates that the drugs, medicines or appliances order on that form may be provided more than once and specifies the number of occasions on which they may be provided;

(3) In relation to a requirement to include terms having the effect specified in provisions of the GMS Contract Regulations, those terms shall be read as if references in the GMS Contract Regulations to-

(a) “a contract” or “the contract” were to “an APMS contract” or “the APMS contract”;

(b) “the contractor” or “a contractor” were to “the APMS contractor” or “an APMS contractor; and

(b) provisions of those Regulations were references to corresponding provisions of these Directions where these Directions require an equivalent term to be included in an APMS contract.

### **Minimum standards**

2. Nothing in these Directions shall prevent a Board agreeing terms of an APMS contract which require a higher level of performance by the APMS contractor than would otherwise be required pursuant to these Directions.

## **PART 2**

### **PROVIDER CONDITIONS**

#### **Provider Conditions**

3.—(1) A Board may not enter into an APMS contract with an individual if that individual falls within paragraph (5).

- (2) A Board may not enter into an APMS contract with a company if—
- (a) that company; or
  - (b) any director or secretary of the company,
- falls within paragraph (5).
- (3) A Board may not enter into an APMS contract with a partnership if—
- (a) any individual member of the partnership; or
  - (b) the partnership,
- falls within paragraph (5).
- (4) A Board may not enter into an APMS contract with an industrial and provident society, a friendly society, a voluntary organisation<sup>(a)</sup> or any other body if—
- (a) the society, organisation or body; or
  - (b) any officer, trustee or any other person concerned with the management of the society, organisation or body,
- falls within paragraph (5).
- (5) A person, partnership or body falls within this paragraph if—
- (a) he or it is the subject of a national disqualification;
  - (b) subject to paragraph (6), he or it is disqualified or suspended (other than by an interim suspension order or direction pending an investigation) from practising by any licensing body anywhere in the world;
  - (c) within the period of five years prior to the signing of the APMS contract or commencement of the APMS contract, whichever is the earlier, he has been dismissed (otherwise than by reason of redundancy) from any employment by a health services body unless he has subsequently been employed by that health services body or another health services body and paragraph (7) applies to him or that dismissal was the subject of a finding of unfair dismissal by any competent tribunal or court;
  - (d) within the period of five years prior to signing the APMS contract or commencement of the APMS contract, whichever is the earlier, he or it has been disqualified from a primary medical services performers list unless his or its name has subsequently been included in such a list;
  - (e) he has been convicted in the United Kingdom of murder;
  - (f) he has been convicted in the United Kingdom of a criminal offence other than murder, committed on or after 1st April 2004, and has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of over six months;
  - (g) subject to paragraph (8) he has been convicted elsewhere of an offence—
    - (i) which would, if committed in Northern Ireland, constitute murder, or
    - (ii) committed on or after 1st April 2004, which would, if committed in Northern Ireland, constitute a criminal offence other than murder, and been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of over six months;
  - (h) he has been convicted of an offence referred to in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968<sup>(b)</sup>, in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933<sup>(c)</sup> (offences against children and young persons with respect to which special provisions of the Act apply) or Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995<sup>(d)</sup> (offences against children under the age of 17 years to which special provisions apply) committed on or after 29th March 2004;
  - (i) he or it has—

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<sup>(a)</sup> “Voluntary organisation” is defined in Article 2(2) of the Order.

<sup>(b)</sup> c. 34 (N.I.)

<sup>(c)</sup> 1933 c. 12 as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33), section 170, Schedule 15, paragraph 8 and Schedule 16, paragraph 16; Sexual Offences Act 1956 (c. 69), sections 48 and 51 and Schedules 3 and 4 and as modified by the Criminal Justice Act 1988, section 170(1), Schedule 15, paragraph 9.

<sup>(d)</sup> 1995 c. 46.

- (i) been adjudged bankrupt or had sequestration of his estate awarded unless (in either case) he has been discharged or the bankruptcy order has been annulled,
  - (ii) been made the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order under Schedule 4A to the Insolvency Act 1986<sup>(a)</sup> unless that order has ceased to have effect or has been annulled, or
  - (iii) made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his or its creditors unless he or it has been discharged in respect of it, or
  - (iv) an administrator, administrative receiver or receiver is appointed in respect of him or it;
- (j) he has been—
- (i) removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated, or
  - (ii) removed under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990<sup>(b)</sup> (powers of the Court of Session to deal with management of charities), from being concerned in the management or control of any body; or
- (k) he is subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002<sup>(c)</sup>, the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986<sup>(d)</sup> or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986<sup>(e)</sup> (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- (6) A person shall not fall within paragraph (5)(b) where the Board is satisfied that the disqualification or suspension from practising is imposed by a licensing body outside the United Kingdom and it does not make the person unsuitable to be—
- (a) a party to an APMS contract;
  - (b) in the case of an APMS contract with a company, a director or company secretary of a company entering into an APMS contract; or
  - (c) in the case of an APMS contract with an industrial and provident society, friendly society, voluntary organisation or other body, an officer, trustee or other person concerned with the management of such a society, organisation or other body entering into an APMS contract.
- (7) Where a person has been employed as a member of a health care profession any subsequent employment must also be as a member of that profession.
- (8) A person shall not fall within paragraph (5)(g) where the Board is satisfied that the conviction does not make the person unsuitable to be—
- (a) a party to an APMS contract;
  - (b) in the case of a company, a director or company secretary of a company entering into an APMS contract; or
  - (c) in the case of an APMS contract with an industrial and provident society, friendly society, voluntary organisation or other body, an officer, trustee or other person concerned with the management of such a society, organisation or other body entering into an APMS contract.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1986 c. 45. Schedule 4A was inserted by section 257 of, and Schedule 20 to, the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40).

<sup>(b)</sup> 1990 c.40.

<sup>(c)</sup> S.I. 2002/3150 (N.I. 4)

<sup>(d)</sup> 1986 c.46 as amended by the Insolvency Act 2000 (c.39)

<sup>(e)</sup> 1986 c.45.

## PART 3

### MANDATORY TERMS FOR ALL APMS CONTRACTS

#### **General terms**

4. A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract—
- (a) states that it is an HSS contract where the contract is to be an HSS contract because the APMS contractor is a health services body or is to be regarded as such a body by virtue of regulation 10 of the GMS Contract Regulations;
  - (b) specifies who the APMS contractor is to provide services to under the APMS contract, including where appropriate by reference to an area within which a person resident would be entitled to receive services under the APMS contract;
  - (c) specifies that the APMS contractor shall not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of the benefit of any of its rights under the APMS contract without the prior consent of the Board;
  - (d) subject to direction 5(1)(i), specifies the circumstances (if any) in which any obligations under the APMS contract may be sub-contracted;
  - (e) specifies the grounds (in addition to those required by direction 5(1)(s), (t) and (u) on which the APMS contract may or must be terminated and any contract sanctions; and
  - (f) specifies in the case of a contract which is not an HSS contract, the procedures that are to apply in the event of a contractual dispute.

#### **Other contractual terms**

5. (1) A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract contains terms which have the effect specified in the following provisions of Schedule 5 (other contractual terms) to the GMS Contract Regulations—
- (a) paragraph 1 (premises);
  - (b) paragraph 1A (telephone services)(a)
  - (c) paragraph 7 (clinical reports) but as if for sub-paragraph (2) the following were substituted- “(2) The Board shall send any report received under sub-paragraph (1) – (a) to the person with whom the patient is registered for the provision of essential services; or their equivalent; or (b) if the person referred to in paragraph (a) is not known to it, the Board, Health Board, Local Health Board or Primary Care Trust in whose area the patient is resident unless it is that Board. (3) This paragraph does not apply in relation to out of hours services provided by a contractor”;
  - (d) paragraphs 8 (storage of vaccines) and 9 (infection control);
  - (e) paragraphs 38 and 39 (prescribing) 39A (repeatable prescribing services), 39B (repeatable prescriptions), 40 (restrictions on prescribing by medical practitioners) to 43(1) (excessive prescribing) and 47 (provision of drugs, medicines and appliances for immediate treatment or personal administration), but as if-
    - (i) in paragraph 40, references to “Regulation 24(2)(b)” were references to “Direction 8(a)(ii)”, and
    - (ii) any requirement for a repeatable prescription to include the name of the contractor were omitted;
  - (f) paragraphs 48 to 51 (qualifications of performers), but as if in paragraph 48 sub-paragraph(2)(a) were omitted;
  - (g) paragraphs 55(1) and (3) (conditions for employment and engagement), 56 and 57 (training) and 59 (arrangements for GP Registrars);
  - (h) paragraph 61 (signing of documents) but as if the requirement for the name of the contractor to be included on prescription forms or repeatable prescriptions were omitted;
  - (i) paragraph 62 (level of skill);

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(a) Paragraph 1A was inserted Schedule 5 to the GMS Contract Regulations by S.I. 2005/368

- (j) paragraph 64(9) (sub-contracting of clinical matters);
- (k) paragraphs 68(2) (patient records), but as if the words “and shall do so” to the end were omitted, and 70 (confidentiality of personal data);
- (l) paragraph 72 (provision of information);
- (m) paragraphs 73 (inquiries about prescriptions and referrals) and 74 (reports to a medical officer);
- (n) paragraph 75 (annual return and review) but as if in sub-paragraph (1) the words “which shall require” to the end and sub-paragraph (3) were omitted;
- (o) paragraphs 76 and 77 (notifications to the Board), but as if in paragraph 76(b) the reference to paragraph 103 were omitted;
- (p) paragraph 81 (notification of deaths);
- (q) paragraph 83(1) to (2)(b) (entry and inspection by the Board);
- (r) paragraph 89 (co-operation with investigations);
- (s) paragraph 96 (variation of an agreement: general), but as if—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (1), the words “Subject to Schedule 2 and paragraphs 64(8), 65(8), 97, 98 and 109,” were omitted, and
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (2), the words “In addition to the specific provision made in paragraphs 97(6), 98(6) and 109,” were omitted;
- (t) paragraph 99A (termination on the death of an individual medical practitioner)(a), but as if the reference in sub-paragraph (3) to “paragraphs 104 to 107” were to the terms included in the APMS contract pursuant to paragraphs (u) to (w) of this paragraph;
- (u) paragraph 104 (termination by the Board for the provision of untrue etc information), but as if—
  - (i) for the words “by the contractor” to “paragraph 80(2)” there were substituted “by the contractor before the contract was entered into”, and
  - (ii) the reference to regulation 4 and 5 was to direction 3;
- (v) paragraph 105 (other grounds for termination by the Board) but as if sub-paragraph (1) were substituted as follows—
 

“**105.**—(1) The Board may serve notice in writing terminating the APMS contract forthwith, or from such date as may be specified in the notice if—

  - (a) in the case of an APMS contract with an individual, the individual;
  - (b) in the case of an APMS contract with a company—
    - (i) the company, or
    - (ii) any director or company secretary of the company;
  - (c) in the case of an APMS contract with a partnership—
    - (i) any individual member of the partnership, or
    - (ii) the partnership; or
  - (d) in the case of an APMS contract with an industrial and provident society, a friendly society, a voluntary organisation or any other body—
    - (i) the society, organisation or other body, or
    - (ii) an officer, trustee or any other person concerned with the management of the society, organisation or body,
 falls within sub-paragraph (2) during the existence of the APMS contract.” and as if sub-paragraph (2)(a) were omitted;
- (w) paragraphs 106 (termination by the Board where there is a serious risk to the safety of patients etc);
- (x) paragraph 113 (clinical governance);

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- (y) paragraphs 114 and 115 (insurance), but as if the definition of “insurance” in paragraph 114(3)(a) applied to paragraph 115;
- (z) paragraph 116 (gifts), but as if-
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (2)-
    - (aa) paragraphs (a) to (c) were omitted; and
    - (bb) references to “paragraphs (b) to (e)” in sub-paragraph (2)(f) were to “paragraphs “(d) and (e)”, and
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (4), the reference to “sub-paragraphs (2)(b) to (g)” were to “sub-paragraphs (d) to (g)”;
- (aa) paragraph 117 (compliance with legislation and guidance); and
- (bb) paragraph 118 (third party rights).

(2) A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall consider whether the APMS contract should require the contractor to keep a register of gifts given to the following persons (in addition to the persons who the APMS contractor is required to record gifts given to pursuant to paragraph (1)(x)—

- (a) the APMS contractor;
- (b) where the APMS contractor is a company, to any director or company secretary of the company;
- (c) where the APMS contractor is a partnership, to any member of the partnership; or
- (d) where the APMS contractor is an industrial and provident society, a friendly society, a voluntary organisation or any other body, to an officer, trustee or any other person concerned with the management of the society, organisation or body.

### **Certificates**

6. A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract contains terms having the effect specified in regulation 21 (certificates) of, and Schedule 3 (list of prescribed medical certificates) to, the GMS Contract Regulations.

### **Appraisal and assessment of performers of APMS**

7. A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract requires the APMS contractor to ensure that any medical practitioner performing medical services under the APMS contract—

- (a) participates in an appropriate appraisal system; and
- (b) co-operates with any assessment by or on behalf of the Board.

### **Charges**

8. A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract —

- (a) prohibits the APMS contractor, either himself or through any other person, from demanding or accepting from any registered patient of his a fee or other remuneration, for his own or another’s benefit for—
  - (i) the provision of any treatment whether under the APMS contract or otherwise; or
  - (ii) any prescription for any drug, medicine or appliance,
    - except in the circumstances set out in Schedule 4 to the GMS Contract Regulations;
- (b) prohibits the APMS contractor, either himself or through any other person, from demanding or accepting from any patient of his other than a registered patient a fee or other remuneration, for his own or another’s benefit for—
  - (i) the provision of any treatment under the APMS contract; or

- (ii) any prescription for repeatable prescription or any drug, medicine or appliance in connection with that treatment;
- (c) contains terms having the same effect as those specified in regulation 24(3) and (4) of the GMS Contract Regulations; and
- (d) requires the APMS contractor in the provision of services to patients under the APMS contract—
  - (i) to provide information regarding other services he provides otherwise than under the APMS contract only where appropriate,
  - (ii) where he does provide such information, to ensure that the information provided is fair and accurate, and
  - (iii) where the other services are available to the patient as part of the health services established pursuant to Article 4 of the Order, to inform the patient—
    - (aa) that the services are so available;
    - (bb) of any charge that applies to those health services and, if no such charge applies, that the service is free; and
    - (cc) how to access those health services.

**Financial interests**

9.—(1) A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract requires the APMS contractor in making a decision—

- (a) to refer a patient for other services under the Order; or
- (b) to prescribe any drug, medicine or other appliance to a patient,

to do so without regard to his own financial interests.

(2) The Board shall further ensure that an APMS contract contains a term having the effect of prohibiting the APMS contractor from informing patients that any prescription or repeatable prescription for any drug, medicine or other appliance must be dispensed only by the APMS contractor or a person with whom the APMS contractor is associated.

**Consequences of termination of an APMS contract**

10. A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract shall ensure that the APMS contract makes suitable provision for the arrangements on termination of an APMS contract, including the consequences (whether financial or otherwise) of the APMS contract ending.

**PART 4**

**MANDATORY TERMS OF AN APMS CONTRACT UNDER WHICH ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED**

**Mandatory terms of an APMS contract under which essential services are to be provided**

11.—(1) A Board which wishes to enter into an APMS contract under which essential services are to be provided shall ensure (in addition to the requirements specified in directions 4 to 10) that the APMS contract contains terms which have the effect specified in the following provisions of Schedule 5 (other contractual terms) to the GMS Contract Regulations—

- (a) paragraph 2 (attendance at practice premises);
- (b) paragraphs 12 and 13 (duty of co-operation), but as if the reference in sub-paragraph 12(2)(c) to “the practice premises” was to “the contractor’s premises”;
- (c) paragraph 18 (patient preference of practitioner), but as if in sub-paragraph (2)(b) the reference to “within the practice” were a reference to “under the agreement on behalf of the contractor”;
- (d) paragraph 59 (arrangements for GP Registrars);

- (e) paragraph 68 (patient records);
- (f) paragraph 71 (practice leaflet), but as if in the paragraph heading, the reference to “Practice leaflet” was a reference to “Contractor’s leaflet” and as if the words “and to the Board” were added at the end of sub-paragraph (c); and
- (g) paragraph 82 (notifications to patients following variation of the contract), but as if the words “in accordance with Part 8” were omitted.

(2) The Board shall further ensure that such an APMS contract makes provision as to the circumstances (if any) in which the Board may assign patients to the contractor and where appropriate, as to whether the APMS contractor’s list of patients is to be regarded as open or closed and in what circumstances the status of the list may change.

(3) The Board shall further ensure that such an APMS contract makes provision as to the circumstances (if any) in which the APMS contractor is required to attend a patient otherwise than at the contractor’s premises.

## PART 5

### MANDATORY TERM FOR AN APMS CONTRACT UNDER WHICH OUT OF HOURS SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED

#### **Mandatory term for an APMS contract under which out of hours services are to be provided**

12. Where a Board wishes to enter into an APMS contract under which out of hours services are to be provided it shall ensure (in addition to the requirements specified in directions 4 to 10) that the APMS contract shall require the APMS contractor, in the provision of such services, to meet any quality standards which have been approved by the Department and specified in writing by the Board in relation to the provision of those services.

## PART 6

### PATIENT LISTS

#### **Patient Lists**

13. Where an APMS contract requires an APMS contractor to provide essential services and to have a list of patients, the Board shall prepare and keep up to date a list of the patients—

- (a) who have been accepted by the APMS contractor for inclusion in the APMS contractor’s list of patients in accordance with the terms of the APMS contract and who have not subsequently been removed from that list in accordance with the terms of the APMS contract; and
- (b) where applicable, who have been assigned to the APMS contractor in accordance with the terms of the APMS contract and whose assignment has not been rescinded.

## PART 7

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **APMS contracts entered into before the coming into operation of these Directions**

14.—(1) Where a Board has entered into an APMS contract before the coming into operation of these Directions which does not comply with these Directions, it shall enter into negotiations with the APMS

contractor with a view to agreeing variations to the APMS contract to make it compatible with these Directions.

(2) Where a Board has power under an APMS contract to impose a variation of the APMS contract, it shall where necessary (and in particular where the negotiations envisaged under paragraph (1) have failed) exercise that power so as to ensure that the APMS contract is compatible with these Directions.

## PART 8 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

### **Transitional arrangements in relation to telephone services**

15.—(1) Where—

- (a) pursuant to direction 14, an APMS contract has been varied to include a term which gives effect to paragraph 1A (telephone services) of Schedule 5 to the GMS Contract Regulations; and
- (b) as a result of that variation, an APMS contractor is, by virtue of a contract or other arrangement for the provision of telephone services which it entered into before the date on which that variation took effect, in breach of its APMS contract,

no action shall be taken against the APMS contractor by the Board in respect of that breach, provided that it complies with the conditions specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) are that the APMS contractor—

- (a) provides within the time specified in the request, such details of the contract or other arrangements for telephone services as the Board may request; and
- (b) varies or terminates that contract or other arrangement when required to do so by the Board in accordance with directions from the Department under Article 17 of the Order.

Signed on behalf of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 4th August 2005

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