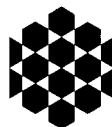


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Dear Colleague

**THE GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL MEASURE
RELATING TO NON-CLINICAL PARTNERS) ORDER (NORTHERN
IRELAND) 2004**

Introduction

1. The above Order comes into effect on the 18th November 2004.
2. The Order makes provision for the circumstances in which certain non-clinical individuals who were working for general practitioner practices before 1st April 2004 but who do not otherwise satisfy the requirements of Article 57B of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, may nevertheless be part of partnerships that enter or have entered into general medical services contracts.
3. Article 57B of the 1972 Order outlines the composition a partnership must satisfy in order for a Health and Social Services Board to be able to enter into a general medical services contract with that partnership.

Action

4. You are asked to note the enclosed Order and bring its contents to the attention of all relevant staff.



Queries

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