

NHS Superannuation Scheme (Scotland)

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Our ref: NHS/01/04/01

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Dear colleague

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE SUPERANNUATION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2006

I attach, for any comments you may have, a draft of the National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The purpose of the draft Regulations is to consolidate, into one set of Regulations, the current scheme contained in the National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1995, as the 1995 Regulations have been substantially amended by a number of different instruments since 1995. The draft Regulations do not introduce any new policy changes or change the present operation of any provision in the current scheme.

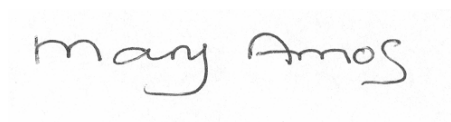
The scope of the draft Regulations is limited to consolidating and restating the current scheme in one set of Regulations, while making some minor changes to drafting style and updating the statutory references in the Regulations. As set out in the Explanatory Note to the draft Regulations, there are also some necessary changes to bring the terms of the Regulations into line with certain legal developments since 1995. Additionally, as they will come into force in 2006, the draft Regulations include the changes from the recent amendment regulations relating to (i) the general medical contract and miscellaneous amendments and (ii) civil partnerships, which have been previously consulted on and which have coming into force dates of 21st November 2005 and 5th December 2005 respectively.

The attached draft runs to over 159 pages. It is therefore preferable to handle it electronically, however if you would prefer a paper copy, please contact either myself or Sharon Liptrott (01896 893228) and we will send you a copy.

Comments on the draft National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2006 should be made in writing by **10 February 2006** at the above address. In accordance with our normal practice, the Agency may make available on request, responses to this consultation exercise, other than those in which consultees indicate that they wish their response to be treated as confidential.

For information, you may wish to note that, separately from this consolidation exercise, discussions have recently recommenced on the review of the current scheme and on a new scheme for new members and consultation on the proposed changes arising from that is expected to take place early in 2006.

Yours faithfully



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