

# THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1992

## *Schedule 2*

### Terms of Service for Doctors

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#### **General**

3. Where a decision whether any, and if so what, action is to be taken under these terms of service requires the exercise of professional judgment, a doctor shall not, in reaching that decision, be expected to exercise a higher degree of skill, knowledge and care than:
  - (a) in the case of a doctor providing child health surveillance services under regulation 28, maternity medical services under regulation 31 or minor surgery services under regulation 33, that which any general practitioner included in the child health surveillance list, the obstetric list or, as the case may be, the minor surgery list may reasonably be expected to exercise; and
  - (b) in any other case, that which general practitioners as a class may reasonably be expected to exercise.