

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1992

Schedule 2

Terms of Service for Doctors

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Inquiries about prescriptions and referrals

49. (1) A doctor whose name is included in the medical list shall, subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, sufficiently answer any inquiries, whether oral or in writing, from the HA concerning:
- (a) any prescription form issued by the doctor under these terms of service;
 - (b) the considerations by reference to which the doctor issues such forms under these terms of service;
 - (c) the referral by the doctor under these terms of service of any patient to any other services provided under the Act; and
 - (d) the considerations by reference to which the doctor refers patients to any such services.
- (2) An inquiry referred to in sub-paragraph (1) may be made only for the purpose either of obtaining information to assist the HA to discharge its functions or of assisting the doctor in the discharge of his obligations under these terms of service.
- (3) A doctor shall not be obliged to answer any inquiry referred to in sub-paragraph (1) unless it is made by a doctor appointed under regulation 38 who produces, on request, written evidence that he is authorised by the HA to make such an inquiry on behalf of the HA.