

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE OF AN APPROVAL FUNCTION IN RELATION TO SECTION 12 DOCTORS 2020

The Secretary of State gives these Instructions in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12ZA(5) of the Mental Health Act 1983(a):

1.—(1) These Instructions are given to a person with whom the Secretary of State has entered into an agreement under section 12ZA of the Mental Health Act 1983.

(2) These Instructions apply in relation to the approving of persons to act as section 12 doctors in relation to England.

(3) These Instructions come into force on 9th April 2020.

(4) In these Instructions—

“Instructions” means the Mental Health Act 1983 Instructions with Respect to the Exercise of an Approval Function in Relation to Section 12 Doctors 2015, which were signed on 23rd December 2015 and came into force on 5th January 2016;

“Supplementary Instructions” means these Instructions.

2. These Supplementary Instructions do not revoke the Instructions.

3. An approving body may extend the period of approval in paragraph 5 of the Instructions for a period of 12 months where the applicant has not completed a training course as required by paragraph 3(4) of the Instructions because the necessary training course is not available.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



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