Medicines and Medical Devices Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 1, line 6, at end insert "for a period of three years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment provides a sunset provision for Part 1 of the Bill requiring the Government to return with primary legislation.

Page 1, line 6, at end insert—

"( ) In making regulations under subsection (1), the appropriate authority must have regard to the desirability of—

(a) regulatory alignment with the European Medicines Agency's medicines regulation;

(b) regulatory alignment with EU clinical trials regulations;

(c) recognition of and participation in the European Medicines Agency's medicines licensing processes."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment requires the appropriate authority to have regard to the desirability of regulatory alignment with EU regulations.

Page 1, line 6, at end insert—

"( ) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised to—

(a) create a criminal offence of failing to comply with a provision made in regulations; or

(b) modify penalties for existing criminal offences."

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment would remove provisions for criminal offences to be created by delegated legislation. The DPRRC considered this an inappropriate delegation of power.

Page 1, line 8, leave out "have regard to" and insert "act with a view to ensuring"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to act with a view to ensuring, rather than have regard to, safety, availability and UK attractiveness when exercising powers.

LORD SHARKEY

Page 1, line 11, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

"(c) maintaining or improving the attractiveness of the relevant part of the United Kingdom as a place in which to conduct clinical trials or supply or manufacture human medicines"

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 1, line 12, at end insert—

"( ) In subsection (2), "attractiveness" means—

(a) suitability for facilitating the supply and demand of medicinal products or related services;

(b) favourability to the establishment of research, design or manufacture of medicinal products or related services; and

(c) favourability to facilitating prompt access to new medicines once they have been approved.

( ) In making regulations under subsection (1), subsection (2)(a) relating to the safety of human medicines must be prioritised above (2)(b) relating to the availability of human medicines and (2)(c) relating to attractiveness."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment provides a definition of attractiveness for clarity, and clarifies the primacy of safety.

LORD PATEL

Page 1, line 12, at end insert—

"( ) In subsection (2)(c), "attractiveness" means the quality of being—

(a) suitable to facilitate the supply and demand of medicinal products or related services; or

(b) favourable to the establishment of research, design or manufacture of medicinal products or related services.

( ) In regulations under subsection (1), subsection (2)(a) must be prioritised above subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c)."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment ensures that patient safety remains a priority.

Clause 2

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 2, line 8, leave out paragraph (c)

Member's explanatory statement
This is a probing amendment that would omit the Secretary of State's power to make changes to wholesale dealing, including hub and spoke models.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF
BARONESS NORTHOVER
LORD RIBEIRO

Page 2, line 23, at end insert—

"(o) the origin and treatment of human tissue used in the process of developing and manufacturing medicines"

Clause 3

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 2, line 39, leave out ", for any purpose to do with human medicines,"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment tightens the provisions to avoid unintended consequences of data being used for purposes other than to ensure that medicines are safe.

Page 3, line 12, leave out "have regard to the importance of" and insert "act with a view to"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to act with a view to, rather than have regard to the importance of, ensuring that information is retained securely when exercising powers.

Clause 4

BARONESS THORNTON
LORD PATEL

Page 3, line 25, at end insert—

"(f) to support the involvement of the United Kingdom in EU-wide clinical trials."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment allows the Secretary of State to make regulations to continue the UK's collaboration with clinical trials involving multiple EU countries.

Clause 5

BARONESS THORNTON
LORD PATEL
LORD PANNICK

Page 3, line 34, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment would remove provisions for criminal offences to be created by delegated legislation.

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 3, line 39, at end insert—

"( ) The Secretary of State must publish a fees regime in relation to subsection (1)(a) within three months of the date on which this Act receives Royal Assent."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment requires the Secretary of State to publish their proposed list of fees in respect of human medicines.

Clause 6

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 4, line 12, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes provision for the disapplication of regulatory provisions in an emergency to be made subject to conditions set out in a protocol published by ministers, which is not subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

Page 4, line 13, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes provision for the disapplication of regulatory provisions in an emergency to be made subject to conditions set out in a protocol published by ministers, which is not subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

After Clause 6

BARONESS THORNTON

Insert the following new Clause—

"Extending prescribing rights

The Secretary of State must, within three months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, lay before each House of Parliament proposals and a timetable for extending prescribing rights to additional healthcare professionals under section 2(1)(n)."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause requires the Secretary of State to publish proposals and a timetable for additional healthcare professionals to be given appropriately restricted prescribing rights.

Clause 8

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 5, line 12, at end insert—

"( ) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised to—

(a) create a criminal offence of failing to comply with a provision made in regulations; or

(b) modify penalties for existing criminal offences."

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment would remove provisions for criminal offences to be created by delegated legislation.

Page 5, line 14, leave out "have regard to" and insert "act with a view to ensuring"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to act with a view to ensuring, rather than have regard to, safety, availability and UK attractiveness when exercising powers.

LORD SHARKEY

Page 5, line 18, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

"(c) maintaining or improving the attractiveness of the relevant part of the United Kingdom as a place in which to conduct clinical trials or supply or manufacture veterinary medicines."

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 5, line 19, at end insert—

"( ) In subsection (2), "attractiveness" means—

(a) suitability for facilitating the supply and demand of veterinary medicinal products or related services;

(b) favourability to the establishment of research, design, or manufacture of veterinary medicinal products or related services; and

(c) favourability to facilitating prompt access to new veterinary medicines once they have been approved.

( ) In making regulations under subsection (1), paragraph (2)(a) relating to the safety of veterinary medicines must be prioritised above paragraph (2)(b) relating to the availability of veterinary medicines and paragraph (2)(c) relating to attractiveness."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment provides a definition of attractiveness for clarity, and clarifies the primacy of safety.

LORD PATEL

Page 5, line 19, at end insert—

"( ) In subsection (2)(c), "attractiveness" means the quality of being—

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(a) suitable to facilitate the supply and demand of veterinary medicinal products or related services; or

(b) favourable to the establishment of research, design or manufacture of veterinary medicinal products or related services.

( ) In regulations under subsection (1), subsection (2)(a) must be prioritised above subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c)."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment ensures that safety remains a priority.

Clause 9

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 6, line 11, at end insert—

"( ) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision about the use of the Cascade."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment gives the Secretary of State the responsibility to make provisions regarding the Cascade, a risk-based decision process where veterinarians can dispense different medicines to animals beyond the terms of authorisation.

Clause 10

BARONESS THORNTON
LORD PATEL
LORD PANNICK

Page 6, line 26, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment would remove provisions for criminal offences to be created by delegated legislation.

Clause 12

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 7, line 22, at end insert—

"( ) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised to—

(a) create a criminal offence of failing to comply with a provision made in regulations; or

(b) modify penalties for existing criminal offences."

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment would remove provisions for criminal offences to be created by delegated legislation.

Page 7, line 23, leave out "have regard to" and insert "act with a view to ensuring"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to act with a view to ensuring, rather than have regard to, safety, availability and UK attractiveness when exercising powers.

LORD SHARKEY

Page 7, line 27, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

"(c) maintaining or improving the attractiveness of the relevant part of the United Kingdom as a place in which to conduct clinical trials or supply or manufacture medical devices."

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 7, line 28, at end insert—

"( ) In subsection (2), "attractiveness" means—

(a) suitability for facilitating the supply and demand of medical devices;

(b) favourability to the establishment of research, design or manufacture of medical devices; and

(c) favourability to facilitating prompt access to new medical devices once they have been approved.

( ) In making regulations under subsection (1), paragraph (2)(a) relating to the safety of medical devices must be prioritised above paragraph (2)(b) relating to the availability of medical devices and paragraph (2)(c) relating to attractiveness."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment provides a definition of attractiveness for clarity, and clarifies the primacy of safety.

LORD PATEL

Page 7, line 28, at end insert—

"(3) In subsection (2), "attractiveness" means the quality of being—

(a) suitable to facilitate the supply and demand of medical devices or related services; or

(b) favourable to the establishment of research, design or manufacture of medical devices or related services.

(4) In making regulations under subsection (1), subsection (2)(a) must be prioritised above subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c)."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment ensures that patient safety remains a priority.

Clause 13

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 8, line 23, at end insert—

"( ) notification and reporting requirements for medical device clinical investigations."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment would allow the Secretary of State to make regulations about notification and reporting requirements for medical device clinical investigations, as is currently the case for medicines.

Clause 14

LORD PANNICK
LORD PATEL

Page 8, line 41, leave out paragraph (d)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes the power conferred on the Secretary of State to create criminal offences.

Clause 15

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 9, line 8, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes provision for the disapplication of regulatory provisions in an emergency to be made subject to conditions set out in a protocol published by ministers, which is not subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

Page 9, line 9, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes provision for the disapplication of regulatory provisions in an emergency to be made subject to conditions set out in a protocol published by ministers, which is not subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

Clause 16

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 9, line 22, after "of" insert "all"

Member's explanatory statement
This is a probing amendment seeking clarity about whether the Government intends to track all medical devices used in the UK, rather than a selection.

After Clause 16

BARONESS THORNTON

Insert the following new Clause—

"Requirement for consultation with devolved authorities

(1) Before making regulations under section 16 that contain provision which is within the legislative competence of a devolved legislature, the Secretary of State must consult the relevant devolved authority on that provision and have regard to the views of that devolved authority.

After Clause 16 - *continued*

(2) In this section—

"devolved authority" means the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, Northern Ireland ministers or a Northern Ireland department; and

"devolved legislature" means the Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru or the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(3) A provision is within the legislative competence of a devolved legislature if—

(a) it would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament;

(b) it would be within the legislative competence of Senedd Cymru if it were contained in an Act of Senedd Cymru (including any provision that could only be made with the consent of a Minister of the Crown); or

(c) the provision, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly—

(i) would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly, and

(ii) would not require the consent of the Secretary of State."

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to consult the devolved administrations before making regulations concerning UK-wide information systems.

Insert the following new Clause—

"Annual report on Medical Devices Information Systems

(1) The Secretary of State must, by the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, and every year thereafter, lay before Parliament a report on the operation of any information systems established by the Information Centre under the powers conferred by section 16 of this Act.

(2) The annual report laid under subsection (1) must include, but is not limited to—

(a) the number of patients who receive or are treated with a medical device, or into whom a medical device is implanted;

(b) any safety concerns received; and

(c) any regulatory action taken.

(2) The Secretary of State must provide a copy of every report laid before Parliament under this paragraph—

(a) to the Scottish Ministers,

(b) to the Welsh Ministers, and

(c) to the Northern Ireland Ministers or the relevant Northern Ireland department."

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to prepare a report about Medical Device registers operated by NHS Digital, lay it before Parliament and send it to the devolved administrations.

Clause 35

LORD PATEL

Page 19, line 22, at end insert—

"( ) The Secretary of State must disclose information for the purpose of warning the public about concerns relating to a medical device where there is a clear threat to public safety."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to disclose the information where there is a clear threat to public safety.

Clause 37

LORD PATEL

Page 22, line 3, leave out subsection (5)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment means Regulation 3B remains in place.

After Clause 38

BARONESS CUMBERLEGE
LORD PATEL
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Insert the following new Clause—

"Independent Patient Safety Commissioner

(1) An independent Patient Safety Commissioner is established.

(2) The Office of Patient Safety is to be hosted and funded by the Cabinet Office.

(3) The Patient Safety Commissioner must publish a business plan, reviewed annually, which sets out, in relation to the discharge of the Commissioner's functions—

(a) the Commissioner's proposed main activities for the period covered by the plan (including the matters he or she intends to consider or investigate), and

(b) the Commissioner's proposed strategic priorities for that period.

(4) The Patient Safety Commissioner must appoint an advisory board to provide the Commissioner with advice and assistance relating to the discharge of his or her functions, consisting of persons who (taken together) represent a broad range of interests which are relevant to the Patient Safety Commissioner's functions, and must from time to time publish a report on the procedure followed and the criteria used when making appointments to the advisory board.

(5) The Commissioner's functions are to—

(a) promote and improve patient safety with respect to the use of medicines and medical devices;

After Clause 38 - *continued*

(b) promote the views and interests of patients and other members of the public in relation to the safety of medicines and medical devices;

(c) make recommendations to the Secretary of State;

(d) establish and, when deemed appropriate, revise Principles of Better Patient Safety;

(e) receive direct reports from patients and other members of the public, any other persons (whether natural or corporate), and the Secretary of State and, when the Commissioner deems appropriate, share those reports with relevant organisations and the Secretary of State;

(f) produce and lay before Parliament for the attention of any committees of either House whose remit covers medicines and medical devices—

(i) an Annual Report and Accounts, and

(ii) any other reports regarding patient safety, which may include recommendations to improve patient safety with respect to the use of medicines and medical devices.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (5)(d), the Principles of Better Patient Safety must—

(a) describe expected patient safety outcomes relating to the safety of medicines and medical devices; and

(b) be drafted in consultation with the public.

(7) For the purposes of subsection (5)(f) the Commissioner may require a public body and other persons (whether natural or corporate) to provide such information as is reasonable in order to fulfil that function relating to the safety of medicines and medical devices.

(8) In fulfilling his or her functions, the Commissioner may do anything which appears to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the performance of his or her functions.

(9) The Commissioner has the duty to involve and inform patients and other members of the public in carrying out his or her functions.

(10) The Commissioner may make recommendations to the Minister for the Cabinet Office for any additional powers which the Commissioner considers may be necessary to fulfil the duties and functions under this section.

(11) The Minister for the Cabinet Office may by regulations make any other provision relating to the establishment of the Commissioner, including—

(a) the appointment of a Commissioner,

(b) the terms of office,

(c) remuneration and financial and other assistance,

(d) staff, and

(e) any other matters the Minister for the Cabinet Office considers appropriate.

(12) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament."

After Clause 38 - *continued*

BARONESS THORNTON

Insert the following new Clause—

"Patient Safety Commissioner

As soon as practicable after this Act receives Royal Assent, the Secretary of State must consult on the creation of an office of the Patient Safety Commissioner, responsible for promoting awareness of the views and interests of patients and the public in relation to the safety of medicines and medical devices."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause requires the Secretary of State to consult on the establishment of a Patient Safety Commissioner as recommended by the Cumberlege Review, published in July 2020.

Insert the following new Clause—

"International Trade Agreements

(1) Regulations under section 1(1), section 8(1) and section 12(1) may make provision for the purpose of implementing an international trade agreement, subject to the provisions of subsection (2).

(2) No provision can be made for the purpose of implementing an international trade agreement if the provision would in any way undermine or restrict the ability of an appropriate authority—

(a) to regulate and maintain the quality and safety of medicines and medical devices;

(b) to regulate and control the pricing and reimbursement systems for the purchase of medicines and medical devices; or

(c) to regulate and maintain the level of protection afforded in relation to information and patients' data collected for the purpose of a register of medical devices."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause would protect medicines and medical devices regulations from any form of control from outside the UK in the event of a trade deal.

Insert the following new Clause—

"Northern Ireland and regulatory divergence

(1) The Secretary of State must work together with the appropriate authority in Northern Ireland to minimise the potential for and mitigate against regulatory divergence in relation to human medicines, veterinary medicines and medical devices.

(2) Where the Secretary of State has identified areas of regulatory divergence in relation to human medicines, veterinary medicines and medical devices between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK, the Secretary of State must lay a report before both Houses of Parliament setting out how the divergence will impact—

After Clause 38 - *continued*

(a) the UK; and
(b) Northern Ireland.

(3) The report must set out the steps the appropriate authorities have taken to mitigate against such divergence."

Member's explanatory statement
This Clause would require the Secretary of State to work with the appropriate authority in Northern Ireland to minimise the potential for regulatory divergence relating to medicines and devices, and report any areas of regulatory divergence to Parliament, including the impact they will have, and report on actions to mitigate against adverse consequences arising from divergence.

LORD PATEL

Insert the following new Clause—

"Northern Ireland and regulatory divergence

(1) The Secretary of State must make an annual report to Parliament on potential areas of regulatory divergence between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom in matters covered by this Act.

(2) Where the Secretary of State has identified areas of potential regulatory divergence between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, the Secretary of State must set out plans to mitigate the adverse effects of such divergence in the annual report."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to report on regulatory divergence between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

Clause 41

LORD PATEL

Page 24, line 9, after "consult" insert "patients and end users directly affected by the regulations, and any other"

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 24, line 9, leave out from "consult" to end and insert "—

(a) healthcare organisations;
(b) pharmaceutical organisations;
(c) veterinary organisations;
(d) medical research organisations;
(e) patient representatives' organisations; and
(f) any other such persons the authority considers appropriate."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment strengthens the consultation provisions.

LORD SHARKEY

Page 24, line 9, at end insert "which must include—

(i) representatives of the relevant patient groups,
(ii) medical research charities,
(iii) the pharmaceutical industry,
(iv) academic researchers;

(b) publish on its website in advance of each consultation the—

(i) terms, start date and length of that consultation,
(ii) proposed consultees, and
(iii) proposed date and method of the publication of its results."

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 24, line 19, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement
This probing amendment removes the provision which enables the consultation requirements to have been satisfied by consultations that took place prior to the passing of this Act.

After Clause 41

BARONESS THORNTON

Insert the following new Clause—

"Duty to consult devolved administrations

(1) Before making any regulations under this Act that contain provisions which are within the legislative competence of a devolved legislature, the Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Executive as relevant, and have regard to their views.

(2) In this section "devolved legislature" means the Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru or the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(3) A provision is within the legislative competence of a devolved legislature if—

(a) it would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
(b) it would be within the legislative competence of Senedd Cymru if it were contained in an Act of Senedd Cymru (including any provision that could only be made with the consent of a Minister of the Crown); or
(c) the provision, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly—

(i) would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly, and
(ii) would not require the consent of the Secretary of State."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause requires the Government to consult the devolved administrations and have regard to their views before making regulations.

Clause 42

LORD SHARKEY

Page 24, line 28, leave out subsections (1) to (5)

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 24, line 40, leave out subsections (4) to (9) and insert—

"(4) Regulations of a Northern Ireland department acting alone under section 1(1) or 8(1) may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(5) A statutory instrument containing regulations of the Secretary of State and a Northern Ireland department acting jointly under section 1(1) or 8(1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of—

(a) each House of Parliament, and

(b) the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(6) A statutory instrument containing regulations of the Secretary of State acting alone to which subsection (11) applies may be made without a draft of the instrument being laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

(7) A statutory instrument containing regulations made under subsection (6) must be laid before Parliament after being made.

(8) Regulations contained in an instrument made in accordance with subsection (6) cease to have effect at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the instrument is made unless, during that period, the instrument is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

(9) In calculating the period of 28 days for the purpose of subsection (8), no account is to be taken of any time during which—

(a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or

(b) either House of Parliament is adjourned for more than four days.

(10) Where regulations cease to have effect as a result of subsection (8), that does not—

(a) affect the validity of anything previously done under the regulations, or

(b) prevent the making of new regulations.

(11) This subsection applies to regulations that contain only provision made in reliance on—

(a) section 6, where the regulations contain a declaration that the person making them considers that they need to be made urgently to protect the public from an imminent risk of serious harm to health; or

(b) section 15, where the regulations contain a declaration that the Secretary of State considers that they need to be made urgently to protect the public from an imminent risk of serious harm to health."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment removes provision for certain regulations to be subject to the negative procedure and would thus require all regulations to be subject to the affirmative procedure. In declared urgent cases, regulations would be subject to the made affirmative procedure, rather than the negative procedure as the Bill currently allows for.

LORD PATEL
LORD PANNICK

Page 25, line 27, leave out sub-paragraph (iii)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment will require that regulations under Clause 6 are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.

LORD PATEL

Page 25, line 34, leave out sub-paragraph (vii)

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment will require that regulations under Clause 15 are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.

After Clause 42

LORD SHARKEY

Insert the following new Clause—

"Expiry of powers

All the powers to make regulations contained in this Act expire at the end of the period of three years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed."

BARONESS THORNTON

Insert the following new Clause—

"Time limits on delegated powers

Sections 1, 8, 12 and 16 of this Act, and the powers they confer, expire at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which they come into force."

Member's explanatory statement
This new Clause would ensure that the delegated powers are time limited to 2 years.

LORD PATEL
LORD PANNICK

Insert the following new Clause—

"Expiry of powers

Sections 1, 8, and 12 and the powers conferred under those sections expire at the end of the period of three years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment is a sunset Clause on sections 1, 8 and 12 of the Bill.

Clause 44

LORD SHARKEY

Leave out Clause 44 and insert the following new Clause—

"**Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed."

Schedule 1

BARONESS THORNTON

Page 34, line 10, leave out "have regard to" and insert "act in accordance with"

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State to follow, rather than have regard to, guidance.

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