

# Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

#### PART 1

#### THE COMMISSION AND CARE SERVICES

### **Complaints**

## **6** Complaints about care services

- (1) The Commission shall establish a procedure by which a person, or someone acting on a person's behalf, may make complaints (or other representations) in relation to the provision to the person of a care service or about the provision of a care service generally.
- (2) The procedure must provide for it to be available whether or not procedures established by the provider of the service for making complaints (or other representations) about that service have been or are being pursued.
- (3) Before establishing a procedure under subsection (1) above, the Commission shall consult all local authorities and health bodies and such other persons, or groups of persons, as it considers appropriate on its proposals for such a procedure and shall require to obtain the consent of the Scottish Ministers to those proposals.
- (4) The Commission shall keep the procedure under review and shall vary it whenever, after such consultation and with such consent, it considers it appropriate to do so.
- (5) The Commission shall give such publicity to the procedure (including the procedure as varied under subsection (4) above) as it considers appropriate and shall give a copy of the procedure to any person who requests it.