# **CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

### Part Iii Local Authority Services

## Section 44 General powers of the Commission

124. Section 44, which provides that the Commission may give advice to the Secretary of State in respect of Part III matters, mirrors the provision in respect of Part II services in section 7(5). The Commission may therefore advise the Secretary of State of any changes that need to be made to secure improvements in the quality of local authority fostering and adoption services, and of any changes that may need to be made to the national minimum standards provided for in section 49.