

*These notes refer to the Care Standards Act 2000
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 20 July 2000*

CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part Vi – Child Minding and Day Care for Young Children

Section 79 Amendment of the Children Act 1989

Inspection: England

Section 79N General functions of the Chief Inspector

203. This section imposes duties on HMCIS to provide the Secretary of State with information and advice on registered child minding and day care. He must report on his Part XA functions and on related matters.

Section 70P Early years child care inspectorate

204. This section requires HMCIS to set up and maintain a register of early years child care inspectors (“registered inspectors”). The register may be combined with Ofsted’s existing register of nursery education inspectors to form a single register of all early years inspectors.

Section 79Q Inspection of provision of child minding and day care in England

205. This section provides that child minding and day care inspections are to be carried out by registered early years child care inspectors. Inspections are to be carried out at intervals set out in regulations. HMCIS may either organise inspections or arrange with others for them to organise inspections (for example, by contracting out the work). The registered inspector is required to report on the inspections carried out under this section.

Section 79R Reports of inspections

206. This section requires registered inspectors to produce written reports on inspections they carry out for HMCIS within a prescribed time limit. Reports are sent to the Secretary of State and may also be made available to other prescribed people. HMCIS has a power to edit reports where appropriate (for example, to preserve confidentiality).