

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2001
(c.15) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: National Health Service

Health Service Funding

General and personal medical services, general dental services, general ophthalmic services and pharmaceutical services

Section 22: Dental Corporations

106. *Section 22* enables Health Authorities to make arrangements with dental corporate bodies to provide GDS as well as with individual dental practitioners.
107. *Subsection (2)* amends section 35 of the 1977 Act to make provision for Health Authorities to arrange for the provision of GDS by dental corporations as well as dental practitioners. *Subsection (2)(c)* introduces the definition of ‘dental corporation’ as a body corporate which carries on the business of dentistry within the meaning of section 40 of the Dentists Act 1984 (i.e. to receive payments for providing dental treatment).
108. *Subsection (3)* amends section 36 of the 1977 Act which enables regulations to be made about the delivery of GDS. *Subsection (3)(a)* provides for such regulations to empower Health Authorities to include dental corporations in their list of those undertaking to provide GDS. *Subsection (3)(b)* confers a right on dental corporations to be included in that list subject to certain conditions. *Subsection (3)(d)* provides for the removal of dental corporations from the Health Authority list in the event that the body never provides, or ceases to provide, GDS in that area.