



# Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 28

### PART 8

#### LOCAL SERVICES: INSPECTION AND AUDIT

#### CHAPTER 2

#### AUDIT COMMISSION AND AUDITORS: FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURE

#### *Inspections and audit*

#### **151 Powers of auditors and inspectors to obtain information**

<sup>F1</sup>(1) .....

(2) In section 11 of the Local Government Act 1999 (c. 27) (inspectors' powers and duties in connection with best value inspections)—

(a) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The right conferred by subsection (1)(b) includes power to inspect, copy or take away the document.”;

(b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) In relation to a document kept in electronic form, the power in subsection (2)(b) to require a person to produce a document includes power to require it to be produced in a form in which it is legible and can be taken away.

(2B) In connection with inspecting such a document, an inspector—

(a) may obtain access to, and inspect and check the operation of, any computer and associated apparatus or material which

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he considers is or has been used in connection with the document;

- (b) may require a person within subsection (2C) to afford him such reasonable assistance as he may require for that purpose.

(2C) A person is within this subsection if he is—

- (a) the person by whom or on whose behalf the computer is or has been used; or
- (b) a person having charge of, or otherwise concerned with the operation of, the computer, apparatus or material.”;
- (c) in subsection (5), after “reasonable excuse” insert “ obstructs the exercise of any power conferred by this section or ”.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 151(1) repealed (1.4.2015) by [Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2015/841](#), art. 3(a) (with arts. 5-8, Sch.) (as amended (27.6.2016) by [S.I. 2016/675](#), art. 2)
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 151 in force at 31.1.2008 by [S.I. 2008/172](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

## 152 Inspections of best value authorities

(1) Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1999 (inspections) is amended as follows.

(2) Before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) The Audit Commission may carry out an inspection of a best value authority's performance of its functions or of any particular function or functions.”

(3) In subsection (1), after “may” insert “ , in particular, ”.

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**Commencement Information**

- I2** S. 152 in force at 1.4.2008 by [S.I. 2008/172](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2024/414 art. 5Sch. 1 para. 15](#)