

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2008
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 21 July 2008*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE

88. [Part 1](#) of the Act establishes a new regulator for health and adult social care services in England that will also take on the role (with the Welsh Ministers) of monitoring and other functions under the Mental Health Act. Part 2 contains changes to the regulation of health professions and the health and social care workforce. Part 3 amends the Public Health Act 1984. Part 4 creates a new payment for expectant mothers in the UK, to contribute towards the cost of a healthy lifestyle, including diet, during the final weeks of pregnancy and to help women to afford the other additional costs faced at this time. Part 5 of the Act makes various provisions regarding the National Health Service, the NCMP, social care, financial assistance related to the provision of health and social care services, the establishment of the National Information Governance Board, and the functions of the Health Protection Agency in relation to biological substances. Part 6 makes general provision about the Act.