

*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

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

Information to be available to public

Section 38: Provision of copies of registers

179. The Commission will have to make copies of its registers of service providers and managers available to the public. Section 38 allows members of the public to view them at the Commission's offices or to request copies of the full register or an extract. It will be up to the Commission to determine the best way to make information available but it may choose to improve accessibility through electronic means. A charge will be made for the provision of a copy or extract except in circumstances prescribed in regulations or where the Commission decides that the copy or extract should be provided for free.
180. However, there may be information that should not be released to the general public, such as certain information that identifies individuals. Section 38(3) allows regulations to be made setting out what information should not be accessible.