

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2008
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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008

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Section 53: Information and advice

229. **Section 53** places a duty on the Commission to keep the Secretary of State informed about the provision of NHS health care and adult social services in general, and about the carrying on of regulated activities. *Subsection (2)* allows the Commission to give advice to the Secretary of State on anything connected with these matters. In particular, the Commission may advise the Secretary of State of any changes it thinks should be made to: the registration requirements (made by regulations under section 20); the code of practice on HCAs (issued under section 21); or statements of standards issued under section 45. *Subsection (4)* requires the Commission to give to the Secretary of State any advice or information requested by the Secretary of State in relation to the matters about which it has a duty to keep him informed. The section also allows the Commission to give advice to the Secretary of State, an English NHS body or an English local authority in relation to the establishment or conduct of certain inquiries.