

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

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Section 56: Role of Audit Commission

232. [Section 56](#) allows the Audit Commission to carry out studies relating to health care or English NHS bodies (under sections 54 and 55) on the Commission's behalf, with the Commission's agreement. Where a matter could be considered to fall within the remit of both organisations, as is the case for studies regarding economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in relation to adult social care, *subsection (5)* directs them to have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State as to who should carry them out.