

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2012
(c.7) which received Royal Assent on 27 March 2012*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – The Health Service in England

The health service: overview

Section 10 (new section 11) -Clinical commissioning groups

123. As set out in *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*¹, the Act will create a comprehensive system of CCGs. Their purpose would be to commission most NHS services, supported by and accountable to the NHS Commissioning Board.
124. This section inserts new section 11 into the NHS Act. The new section provides that there are to be corporate bodies to be known as clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). Subsection (1) of new section 11 provides that CCGs will be established in accordance with Chapter A2 of Part 2 of the NHS Act and subsection (2) sets out that CCGs will have the function of commissioning services for the purposes of the health service in England in accordance with the NHS Act.

¹ Copies are available in the Library, and from the Department of Health website at <http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm>