

*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 9 – Health and adult social care services: information

Chapter 2 - The Health and Social Care Information Centre

Functions: information systems

Section 263 – Code of practice on confidential information

1443. This section requires the Information Centre to publish a code of practice for health or social care bodies (or those providing publicly funded health or social care) on how to handle person-identifiable or other confidential information. It requires the Centre to consult with (and obtain the approval of) the Secretary of State and the NHS Commissioning Board before publishing the Code. Provision is also made in the section for the Centre to consult anyone else about the Code whom the Centre considers appropriate.