



# Health and Social Care Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 7

### PART 12

#### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### **306 Commencement**

- (1) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) section 219 (Health and Care Professions Council: power to make arrangements with other health or social care regulators);
  - (b) section 221(3) (power of Secretary of State to make arrangements with Health and Care Professions Council to discharge General Social Care Council's functions during period preceding abolition);
  - (c) the provisions of this Part;
  - (d) any other provision of this Act so far as is necessary for enabling the exercise on or after the day on which this Act is passed of any power to make an order or regulations or to give directions that is conferred by the provision or an amendment made by it.
- (2) Sections 35 to 37 come into force on such day as the appropriate authority may by order appoint.
- (3) In subsection (2) “the appropriate authority” means—
  - (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State;
  - (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers.
- (4) The other provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.
- (5) Different days may be appointed under subsection (2) or (4) for different purposes (including different areas).
- (6) Transitory provision in an order under subsection (2) or (4) may, in particular, modify the application of a provision of this Act pending the commencement of—
  - (a) another provision of this Act, or

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(b) any other enactment (within the meaning of section 303).

<sup>F1</sup>(7) .....

(8) Where a provision of this Act (or an amendment made by it) requires consultation to take place, consultation undertaken before the commencement of the provision is as effective for the purposes of that provision as consultation undertaken after that commencement.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 306(7) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), [Sch. 4 para. 188](#); [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch.](#) (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/1831 art. 10 by [S.I. 2012/2657 art. 15](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 9 Ch. 1B inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 96](#)
- s. 102(4)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 13(3) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 28](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 105(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 21](#)
- s. 106(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 22](#)
- s. 250(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 250(2) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 250(6)-(6D) substituted for s. 250(6) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 251251ZA substituted for s. 251 by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(3\)](#)
- s. 251C(6A) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa)(b) substituted for s. 259(1)(b) by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(b\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/98 Sch. para. 17\(11\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment comes in force at the same time as 2022 c. 31, s. 98 comes into force)
- s. 259(10A)(10B) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(h\)](#)
- s. 304(5)(ja) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(5\)](#)