

*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

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE

Part 9 – Health and Adult Social Care Services: Information

33. [Chapter 1](#) sets out how the Secretary of State or the NHS Commissioning Board may prepare and publish information standards.
34. [Chapter 2](#) re-establishes the Health and Social Care Information Centre Special Health Authority as a non-departmental public body. Its functions relate to the collection, analysis and publication or other dissemination of information relevant to the health service or adult social care at a national level.
35. [Chapter 2](#) also sets out powers for the Information Centre to require or request information to be provided to it by anyone providing publicly funded health services or adult social care. This Chapter includes provision for the Information Centre to seek to minimise the burden of central information collections.