

*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 12 – Final Provisions

Section 306 – Commencement

1555. *Subsection (4)* of this section provides that most of the provisions of the Act come into force on the day specified by the Secretary of State in an order, and different days may be specified for different purposes, including different geographical areas (*subsection (5)*). Certain provisions of the Act come into force on Royal Assent, and these are specified in *subsection (1)*.
1556. *Subsection (6)* enables a commencement order to make modifications of this Act or other legislation which would only apply until the commencement of another provision of the Act or another piece of legislation.
1557. *Subsection (7)* enables a commencement order to provide that the duty on CCGs to prepare accounts does not apply during the period between the coming into force of the provisions for the establishment of CCGs and the date specified by the Secretary of State as the date by which every provider of primary medical services in England is to be a member of a CCG.
1558. *Subsection (8)* relates to consultation requirements imposed by the Act and allows the consultations begun before the provision imposing the duty to consult is brought into force to be valid for the purposes of that provision.