



# Care Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 23

### PART 2

#### CARE STANDARDS

##### *Increasing the independence of the Care Quality Commission*

#### **90 Independence of the Care Quality Commission**

- (1) Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (the Care Quality Commission) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 48 (special reviews or investigations), omit subsection (7) (Secretary of State's power to make regulations as to procedure for representations before publication of report).
- (3) In section 54 (studies as to economy, efficiency etc), in subsections (1) and (3), omit “, with the approval of the Secretary of State,”.
- (4) After subsection (2) of that section, insert—

“(2A) The Commission may not exercise the power under subsection (1)(a), so far as it relates to the activity mentioned in subsection (2)(d), without the approval of the Secretary of State.”
- (5) In section 55 (publication of results of studies under section 54), omit subsection (2) (Secretary of State's power to make regulations as to procedure for representations before publication of report).
- (6) In section 57 (reviews of data, studies and research), in subsection (1), omit “, with the approval of the Secretary of State,”.
- (7) In section 61 (inspections carried out for registration purposes), omit—
  - (a) subsection (1) (Secretary of State's power to make regulations specifying frequency etc. of inspections), and

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

- (b) subsection (4) (Secretary of State’s power to make regulations as to procedure for representations before publication of report).
- (8) In section 83 (annual reports), omit subsection (3) (Secretary of State’s power to direct preparation of separate reports).
- (9) In paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 (inspection programmes etc.), omit—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (1) (preparation of programme etc.), “, or at such times as the Secretary of State may specify by order,” and
  - (b) sub-paragraph (3) (Secretary of State’s power to specify form of programme etc.).
- (10) In consequence of subsections (3) and (6), omit section 293(3) and (4) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.