

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43) which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (COMMUNITY HEALTH AND STANDARDS) ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2 –Standards**

#### *Chapter 5 – Social Services: Functions of Csci*

#### **Other functions**

#### *Section 83: Joint working with the Audit Commission*

205. *Section 83* provides that the Audit Commission and the CSCI may exercise jointly the functions given them by *section 82* of this Act and sections 33 and 34 of the Audit Commission Act. This section also imposes on the CSCI and the Audit Commission a duty to co-operate with one another when performing their respective functions in these areas (*subsection (2)*). *Subsection (3)* enables the Secretary of State to give guidance about their functions to both the CSCI and the Audit Commission. The object of such guidance will be to enable the Secretary of State to detail circumstances where he considers that the most appropriate use of public resources, and of the expertise of CSCI and the Audit Commission would be for either the Audit Commission or the CSCI to take the lead in work which could be undertaken by either of them.