

HEALTH ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 Miscellaneous

Social Care Bursary

Section 72: Exercise by Special Health Authority of social care training functions

304. The purpose of Section 72 is to extend the powers of the Secretary of State to enable him to direct a Special Health Authority to carry out a function that relates to the training of social care workers.
305. [Section 72](#) inserts a new section, 67A, after section 67 of the Care Standards Act 2000 to enable the Secretary of State to direct a Special Health Authority to administer such of his functions under section 67(4)(a) of the Care Standards Act 2000 in relation to the social care bursary scheme as he may specify. These functions relate to the payment of grants, and travelling and other allowances to persons training in the work of social care workers.
306. Subsection (2) in effect extends the Secretary of State's direction making power, under section 16D of the NHS Act 1977, to enable him to direct a Special Health Authority for this purpose. It provides that a direction under new section 67A has effect as if it had been made under section 16D.
307. Subsection (3) sets out that any directions made by the Secretary of State under section 67A are to be in writing and may be varied or revoked by further directions.