

# Health and Social Care Act 2008

## **2008 CHAPTER 14**

#### PART 2

#### REGULATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE

The Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator

### 104 Clinical and other specialist advisers

- (1) The OHPA may appoint, or arrange for the appointment of, persons to be clinical advisers.
- (2) Any clinical advisers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice to the OHPA's fitness to practise panels on issues relating to health that arise in proceedings before them.
- (3) The OHPA may also appoint, or arrange for the appointment of, persons to act as specialist advisers on issues on which the OHPA considers that specialist knowledge is required.
- (4) Any specialist advisers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice to the OHPA's fitness to practise panels on issues falling within the advisers' speciality arising in proceedings before them.
- (5) To be eligible for appointment as a clinical adviser or specialist adviser a person must have such qualifications and satisfy such other conditions as are specified by rules.
- (6) An adviser appointed under subsection (1) or (3)—
  - (a) may be appointed either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings, and
  - (b) holds and vacates office in accordance with the terms of the adviser's appointment.
- (7) The OHPA may pay such fees, allowances and expenses to an adviser appointed under subsection (1) or (3) as it may determine.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (8) Rules may make provision about the functions of advisers appointed under subsection (1) or (3).
- (9) In this section "rules" means rules made by the OHPA.