



# Health and Social Care Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 14

### PART 5

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Amendments relating to National Health Service*

#### **139 Duty of Primary Care Trusts**

After section 23 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41) insert—

##### **“23A Arrangements for improving quality of health care**

- (1) Each Primary Care Trust must make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the quality of health care provided by it and by other persons pursuant to arrangements made by it.
- (2) In discharging its duty under subsection (1) a Primary Care Trust must have regard to the standards set out in statements under section 45 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- (3) “Health care” means—
  - (a) services provided to individuals for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness, and
  - (b) the promotion and protection of public health.”

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 139 in force at 1.4.2010 by [S.I. 2010/708](#), [art. 13\(c\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health and Social Care Act 2008, Section 139.