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PART 1

THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION

CHAPTER 6

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Information

80 Code of practice on confidential personal information

- (1) The Commission must prepare and publish a code in respect of the practice it proposes to follow in relation to confidential personal information.
- (2) The code must in particular make provision—
 - (a) about the obtaining by the Commission of information which, once obtained, will be confidential personal information, and
 - (b) about the handling, use and disclosure by the Commission of confidential personal information.
- (3) Before publishing the code, the Commission must consult—
 - (a) the National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care, and
 - (b) such other persons as it considers appropriate.
- (4) The Commission must keep the code under review and, if it considers it appropriate, from time to time publish a revised code (and references in this section to the code include any revised code).
- (5) In this section “confidential personal information” means information which—
 - (a) is obtained by the Commission on terms or in circumstances requiring it to be held in confidence, and

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- (b) relates to and identifies an individual.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5)(b), information obtained by the Commission is to be treated as identifying an individual if the individual can be identified from a combination of—
- (a) the information, and
 - (b) other information obtained by the Commission.