

Health and Social Care Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 7

PART 1

THE HEALTH SERVICE IN ENGLAND

The health service: overview

3 The Secretary of State's duty as to the NHS Constitution

After section 1A of the National Health Service Act 2006 insert—

"1B Duty as to the NHS Constitution

- (1) In exercising functions in relation to the health service, the Secretary of State must have regard to the NHS Constitution.
- (2) In this Act, "NHS Constitution" has the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Health Act 2009 (see section 1 of that Act)."