

*These notes refer to the Care Standards Act 2000
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 20 July 2000*

CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part II Establishments and Agencies

Offences

Section 29 Proceedings for offences

103. *Section 29* provides that proceedings in respect of offences under Part II may not be taken by any person, without the consent of the Attorney General, other than the Commission or, in the context of his default powers the Secretary of State; or the National Assembly for Wales. *Subsection (2)* extends the time allowed for proceedings to be brought in respect of offences under this Part. The usual limit for the prosecution of summary offences is six months after the offence is committed. However, in some cases, offences may only come to light after an inspection or whistleblowing. *Subsection (2)* therefore provides for a six month time limit from when the offence comes to light, with an overall time limit of three years from the commission of the offence.