

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

# CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### Part IV: Social Care Workers

##### Registration

##### *Section 61 Use of title “social worker” etc*

160. *Section 61* provides for protection of the title “social worker” by the creation of an offence, punishable by a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale<sup>1\*</sup> for a person who is not registered as a social worker to use that title or hold himself out as a registered social worker with an intention to deceive. An individual will not be guilty of an offence if they are registered with an equivalent regulatory body in another part of the UK. Registration as a social worker with the Council will give a stamp of approval to an individual as a professional and can give access to vulnerable people. This provision will be brought into force when the appropriate Minister thinks the time is right for it to add to the protection of the public.

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 97 of these notes for definition of standard scale