

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43) which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (COMMUNITY HEALTH AND STANDARDS) ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4 – Dental and Medical Services**

##### **Primary Medical Services**

##### ***Section 176: General medical services: transitional***

399. *Subsection (1)* requires the Secretary of State or the Assembly to make an Order in respect of medical practitioners who are providing GMS under section 29 of the 1977 Act immediately prior to the coming into force of *section 175*. An Order may require a PCT to enter into a new GMS contract with such a person. An Order under *section 176(3)* may also require a PCT to enter into a different sort of contract for the provision of medical services. A contract under *subsection (3)* may be appropriate where it has not been possible to enter into a GMS contract before the coming into force of *section 175* to ensure continuity of service. An Order may prescribe the circumstances in which a PCT or LHB must enter into a contract, the terms of the contract, remuneration and the resolution of any disputes.