

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4 – Dental and Medical Services

General

Section 184: Minor and consequential amendments

427. This section introduces *Schedule 11*, which provides for minor and consequential amendments. *Paragraph 23* inserts *sections 45A* and *45B* into the 1977 Act. These sections cover the recognition of Local Medical Committees (“LMCs”) and Local Dental Committees (“LDCs”). *Sections 45A(7) to (9)* and *45B(7) to (9)* allow the Secretary of State to make regulations that require PCTs/LHBs or Strategic Health Authorities to consult LMCs and LDCs and to prescribe other functions of these Committees. *Sections 45A* and *45B* separate out the roles of these committees from the provisions in sections 44 and 45 of the 1977 Act and the new regulation making powers simply replace those in section 45(1) in respect of LMCs and LDCs.