

# **HEALTH ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE ACT**

#### **Part 6**

23. **Part 6** of the Act makes changes in four areas:
- it amends the Care Standards Act 2000 to enable the Secretary of State for Health to direct a special health authority to administer the Social Care Student Bursary Scheme.
  - it amends the 2003 Act to allow for contributory negligence to be taken into account in a wider range of cases when the NHS recovers hospital treatment and/or ambulance costs where people receive compensation for injuries. The 2003 Act establishes the legal framework to allow the expansion of the current costs recovery scheme for road traffic accident cases (as set out in the Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Act 1999). This provision extends to England and Wales and also to Scotland by virtue of the provisions of section 84(4) of the Act.
  - it amends the 1977 Act, the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (“the 1990 Act”) and the 2003 Act to give the Secretary of State for Health, or in the case of Wales, the National Assembly for Wales, the power to transfer criminal liabilities of NHS bodies on their dissolution or abolition to other specified NHS bodies.
  - it gives the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales power to make orders to deal with out-of-date references in legislation to Welsh health authorities.