

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2008
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 21 July 2008*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

Territorial application: Wales

Part 1 – the Care Quality Commission

Chapter 1 – Introductory

Section 3: The Commission’s objectives

111. [Section 3](#) provides that the main objective of the Commission, in carrying out its functions, is to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of people who use health and social care services. It also requires the Commission to perform its functions for the general purpose of encouraging: improvement in the activities within its remit; a focus on the needs of patients and other service users; and the efficient and effective use of resources. Subsection (3) provides a definition of health and social care services, which applies throughout Chapter 1.