

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2012
(c.7) which received Royal Assent on 27 March 2012*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – Further provision about public health

Section 56 – Abolition of Health Protection Agency

620. This section abolishes the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and repeals the Health Protection Agency Act 2004. This is part of a process of reforming the systems for protecting and improving public health. New sections 2A and 2B of the NHS Act 2006, inserted by sections 11 and 12 of this Act, confer on the Secretary of State and certain local authorities duties and powers relating to public health and specify examples of steps that may be appropriate under those duties. The section also introduces Schedule 7 to the Act, which makes amendments to other legislation which are consequential on the HPA's abolition. *Subsection (3)* provides that the repeal of the HPA Act 2004 does not include the amendment made by that Act to Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971, which relates to the appointment of medical inspectors.