



Health and Social Care Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 7

PART 9

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES: INFORMATION

CHAPTER 2

[^{F1}NHS ENGLAND: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INFORMATION ETC.]

Functions: quality of health and social care information

266 Assessment of quality of information

[^{F1}NHS England] must from time to time—

- (a) assess the extent to which information it collects pursuant to a direction under section 254 or a request under 255 meets the information standards published under section 250 (so far as they are applicable), and
- (b) publish a record of the results of the assessment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 266 substituted (1.2.2023) by [The Health and Social Care Information Centre \(Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/98\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. para. 17\(19\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 266 in force at 1.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/160](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#) (with [arts. 7-9](#))

Changes to legislation: Health and Social Care Act 2012, Cross Heading: Functions: quality of health and social care information is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

267 Power to establish accreditation scheme

- (1) Regulations may make provision for the establishment and operation of a scheme for the accreditation of information service providers (“the accreditation scheme”).
- (2) The regulations may provide that the accreditation scheme is to be established and operated by [^{F2}NHS England] or such other person as the Secretary of State may specify in the regulations (the “operator”).
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, confer power on the operator—
 - (a) to establish the procedure for accrediting information service providers under the scheme,
 - (b) to set the criteria to be met by a provider in order to be accredited (“the accreditation criteria”),
 - (c) to keep an accreditation under the scheme under review, and
 - (d) to charge a reasonable fee in respect of an application for accreditation.
- (4) The regulations may make provision requiring the operator—
 - (a) to publish details of the scheme, including, in particular, the accreditation criteria,
 - (b) to provide for the review of a decision to refuse an application for accreditation, and
 - (c) to provide advice to applicants for accreditation with a view to ensuring that they meet the accreditation criteria.
- (5) In this section “information service provider” means any person other than a public body who provides services involving the collection, analysis, publication or other dissemination of information in connection with the provision of health services or of adult social care in England.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 267(2) substituted (1.2.2023) by [The Health and Social Care Information Centre \(Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/98\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 17(20)** (with reg. 3)

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 267 partly in force; s. 267 in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 306(1)(d)
- I3** S. 267 in force at 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/160](#), **art. 2(2)** (with arts. 7-9)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/1831 art. 10 by [S.I. 2012/2657 art. 15](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 9 Ch. 1B inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 96](#)
- s. 102(4)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 13(3) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 28](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 105(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 21](#)
- s. 106(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 24 Sch. 14 para. 22](#)
- s. 250(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 250(2) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 250(6)-(6D) substituted for s. 250(6) by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 251 substituted for s. 251 by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(3\)](#)
- s. 251C(6A) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa)(b) substituted for s. 259(1)(b) by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(b\)](#)
- s. 259(1)(aa) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/98 Sch. para. 17\(11\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment comes in force at the same time as 2022 c. 31, s. 98 comes into force)
- s. 259(10A)(10B) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 98\(h\)](#)
- s. 304(5)(ja) inserted by [2022 c. 31 s. 95\(5\)](#)