



# Health and Social Care Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 7

### PART 1

#### THE HEALTH SERVICE IN ENGLAND

##### *Arrangements for provision of health services*

#### **12 Duties as to improvement of public health**

After section 2A of the National Health Service Act 2006 insert—

##### **“2B Functions of local authorities and Secretary of State as to improvement of public health**

- (1) Each local authority must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area.
- (2) The Secretary of State may take such steps as the Secretary of State considers appropriate for improving the health of the people of England.
- (3) The steps that may be taken under subsection (1) or (2) include—
  - (a) providing information and advice;
  - (b) providing services or facilities designed to promote healthy living (whether by helping individuals to address behaviour that is detrimental to health or in any other way);
  - (c) providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness;
  - (d) providing financial incentives to encourage individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles;
  - (e) providing assistance (including financial assistance) to help individuals to minimise any risks to health arising from their accommodation or environment;

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (f) providing or participating in the provision of training for persons working or seeking to work in the field of health improvement;
  - (g) making available the services of any person or any facilities.
- (4) The steps that may be taken under subsection (1) also include providing grants or loans (on such terms as the local authority considers appropriate).
- (5) In this section, “local authority” means—
- (a) a county council in England;
  - (b) a district council in England, other than a council for a district in a county for which there is a county council;
  - (c) a London borough council;
  - (d) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
  - (e) the Common Council of the City of London.”