



# Care Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 23

### PART 5

#### GENERAL

#### 126 General interpretation

In this Act—

“devolved authority” means the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers or the Department for Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland,

“devolved legislature” means the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales or the Northern Ireland Assembly,

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978), and
- (b) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament, an Act or Measure of the National Assembly for Wales or Northern Ireland legislation,

“financial year” means a period of 12 months ending with 31 March (but see also the definition of that expression in paragraph 3 of Schedule 2<sup>F1</sup> ... and paragraph 19 of Schedule 7), and

“the health service” means the comprehensive health service in England continued under section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 126 omitted (1.4.2023) by virtue of [The Health Education England \(Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2023](#) (S.I. 2023/368), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 13(15)** (with reg. 7)

**Changes to legislation:**

Care Act 2014, Section 126 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 April 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.

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**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):

- s. 15(2)-(3B) substituted for s. 15(2)(3) by [2022 c. 31 s. 166\(2\)](#)
- s. 26(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2022 c. 31 s. 166\(4\)](#)