



# Health and Care Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 31

### PART 4

#### THE HEALTH SERVICES SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS BODY

##### *Investigations*

#### **110 Investigation of incidents with safety implications**

- (1) The HSSIB has the function of investigating incidents that—
  - (a) occur in England during the provision of health care services, and
  - (b) have or may have implications for the safety of patients.
- (2) The purpose of the investigations is to—
  - (a) identify risks to the safety of patients, and
  - (b) address those risks by facilitating the improvement of systems and practices in the provision of NHS services or other health care services in England.
- (3) In particular, where an investigation relates to an incident that did not occur during the provision of NHS services, the HSSIB must consider whether, in relation to any risks identified, the systems and practices in the provision of NHS services could be improved.
- (4) The purpose of the investigations does not include assessing or determining—
  - (a) blame,
  - (b) civil or criminal liability, or
  - (c) whether action needs to be taken in respect of an individual by a regulatory body.
- (5) In this Part, an incident within subsection (1) is called a “qualifying incident”.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health and Care Act 2022, Section 110. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 110 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 186\(6\)](#)  
**I2** [S. 110](#) in force at 1.10.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1035](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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