



# Health Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 8

### PART II

#### THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: SCOTLAND

#### *Quality*

#### **51 Duty of quality**

After section 12G of the 1978 Act there is inserted—

#### *“Quality*

#### **12H Duty of quality**

- (1) It shall be the duty of each Health Board, Special Health Board and NHS trust and of the Agency to put and keep in place arrangements for the purpose of monitoring and improving the quality of health care which it provides to individuals.
- (2) The reference in subsection (1) to health care which a body there mentioned provides to individuals includes health care which the body provides jointly with another person to individuals.
- (3) In this section “health care” means services for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness.”