



Health Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 8

PART I

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Quality etc

18 Duty of quality

- (1) It is the duty of each Health Authority, Primary Care Trust and NHS trust 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) The Secretary of State may by regulations extend the duty in this section to Special Health Authorities of any particular description.
- (4) In this section—
 - “health care” means services for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness,
 - “illness” has the meaning given by section 128(1) of the 1977 Act.