

*These notes refer to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 25 June 2002*

# **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE REFORM AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – National Health Service, etc.**

##### **Patient and public involvement**

##### *Section 21: Overview and scrutiny committees*

115. This section provides for a referral process by overview and scrutiny committees to the Secretary of State for Health and the Assembly in relation to their health scrutiny activities under section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000. Further details about the circumstances in which referrals may be made and the nature of the referrals may be set out in regulations made under section 7 of HSC Act – functions of overview and scrutiny committees.