

# National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

# **2002 CHAPTER 17**

#### PART 1

### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ETC

### Patient and public involvement

# 18 Annual reports

- (1) Every Patients' Forum must—
  - (a) prepare a report in relation to its activities in each financial year, and
  - (b) as soon as possible after the end of each financial year, send a copy of its report for that year to the trust for which it is established, and to the persons mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) Those persons are—
  - (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health,
  - (c) each Strategic Health Authority whose area includes—
    - (i) any part of the area of the Primary Care Trust for which the Forum is established, or
    - (ii) all or most of the hospitals, establishments and facilities of the NHS trust for which the Forum is established,
  - (d) any relevant overview and scrutiny committee within the meaning given by section 15.
- (3) A report under this section relating to any year must include details of the arrangements maintained by the Forum in that year for obtaining the views of patients.
- (4) In this section, "financial year", in relation to a Patients' Forum, means—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) the period beginning with the date on which the Forum is established and ending with the next 31st March, and
- (b) each successive period of 12 months ending with 31st March.