



Health and Social Care Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 14

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

Amendments relating to National Health Service

139 Duty of Primary Care Trusts

After section 23 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41) insert—

“23A Arrangements for improving quality of health care

- (1) Each Primary Care Trust must make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the quality of health care provided by it and by other persons pursuant to arrangements made by it.
- (2) In discharging its duty under subsection (1) a Primary Care Trust must have regard to the standards set out in statements under section 45 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- (3) “Health care” means—
 - (a) services provided to individuals for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness, and
 - (b) the promotion and protection of public health.”