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This book contains 14 chapters and there are 11 authors. It states in the introduction that each chapter can be read on its own or as part of the overall subject matter. This has led to a degree of repetition of some of the material. The first chapter covers the General Dental Council within the United Kingdom and discusses its composition and functions. These are continuing to evolve and reference is made to this describing the legislative powers introduced under the Health Act of 1999. The rules and regulations of practising dentistry within the National Health Service, as well as the rights and responsibilities of dentists, are discussed. The chapters that are

most likely to be of interest to readers are those covering Confidentiality, Consent to Treatment, Negligence and Litigation. The latter provides a good over-view of litigation in England and Wales, and some understanding of the legal process. This is balanced by a chapter on legal considerations in Scotland. Much of the legislation and case law described within the book applies to England and Wales so inevitably these aspects will be of limited interest to dentists practising professionally outside these areas.

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