



Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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PART 11

HOSPITAL DIRECTIONS AND TRANSFER FOR TREATMENT DIRECTIONS

Reference to Tribunal by Scottish Ministers

209 Commission's power to require Scottish Ministers to make reference to Tribunal

- (1) This section applies where a patient is subject to—
 - (a) a hospital direction; or
 - (b) a transfer for treatment direction.
- (2) If it appears to the Commission that it is appropriate to do so, it may, by notice in writing to the Scottish Ministers, require them to make a reference to the Tribunal in respect of the direction to which the patient is subject.
- (3) Where, under subsection (2), the Commission gives notice to the Scottish Ministers, the Commission shall include in that notice its reasons for requiring the Scottish Ministers to make the reference.

210 Duty of Scottish Ministers on receiving report from responsible medical officer

- (1) This section applies where a patient's responsible medical officer submits to the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) a report under section 207(2) of this Act that includes a recommendation; or
 - (b) a report under section 208(3) or (4) of this Act.
- (2) If, having considered the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 212(2) of this Act, the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) are not satisfied that the patient has a mental disorder; or
 - (b) are so satisfied but are not satisfied—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (i) that, as a result of the patient’s mental disorder, it is necessary, in order to protect any other person from serious harm, for the patient to be detained in hospital, whether or not for medical treatment; and
 - (ii) that the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 206(4) of this Act continue to apply in respect of the patient,
- the Scottish Ministers shall revoke the direction to which the patient is subject.
- (3) Where the Scottish Ministers do not, under subsection (2) above, revoke the direction to which the patient is subject, they shall make a reference to the Tribunal in respect of the direction.
- (4) Where a reference is made under subsection (3) above, the Scottish Ministers shall, as soon as practicable, give notice that a reference is to be made to—
- (a) the patient;
 - (b) the patient’s named person;
 - (c) any guardian of the patient;
 - (d) any welfare attorney of the patient;
 - (e) the patient’s responsible medical officer;
 - (f) the mental health officer; and
 - (g) the Commission.
- (5) A reference under subsection (3) above shall state—
- (a) the name and address of the patient;
 - (b) the name and address of the patient’s named person; and
 - (c) the recommendation made by the responsible medical officer.
- (6) Nothing in section 102 (state hospitals) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29) prevents or restricts the detention of a patient in a state hospital as a result of a decision under this section by the Scottish Ministers not to revoke the direction to which the patient is subject.

211 Notice under section 209(2): reference to Tribunal

- (1) This section applies where, under section 209(2) of this Act, the Commission gives notice to the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers shall, as soon as practicable after receiving notice under section 209(2) of this Act, make a reference to the Tribunal in respect of the direction to which the patient is subject.
- (3) Where a reference is made under subsection (2) above, the Scottish Ministers shall, as soon as practicable, give notice that a reference is to be made to the persons mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g) of section 210(4) of this Act.
- (4) A reference under subsection (2) above shall state—
- (a) the name and address of the patient;
 - (b) the name and address of the patient’s named person; and
 - (c) the reason given by the Commission in the notice under section 209(2) of this Act for requiring the Scottish Ministers to make the reference.