



# Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

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*Assessing and managing risks posed by certain offenders*

## **10 Arrangements for assessing and managing risks posed by certain offenders**

- (1) Subject to subsection (11), the responsible authorities for the area of a local authority must jointly establish arrangements for the assessment and management of the risks posed in that area by any person who—
- (a) is subject to the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42);
  - (b) has been convicted on indictment of an offence inferring personal violence and—
    - (i) is subject to a probation order under section 228(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46);
    - or
    - (ii) is required, having been released from imprisonment or detention, (or will be required when so released), to be under supervision under any enactment or by the terms of an order or licence of the Scottish Ministers or of a condition or requirement imposed in pursuance of an enactment;
  - (c) has, in proceedings on indictment, been acquitted of an offence inferring personal violence if—
    - (i) the acquittal is on the ground of insanity; and
    - (ii) a restriction order is made in respect of the person under section 59 of that Act of 1995 (hospital orders: restriction on discharge);
  - (d) has been prosecuted on indictment for such an offence but found, under section 54(1) of that Act of 1995 (insanity in bar of trial), to be insane; or
  - (e) has been convicted of an offence if, by reason of that conviction, the person is considered by the responsible authorities to be a person who may cause serious harm to the public at large.
- (2) It is immaterial—

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (1), where the offence by virtue of which the person is subject to the notification requirements was committed (or, if the person is subject to the notification requirements by virtue of a finding under section 80(1)(b) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42), where anything that he was charged with having done took place);
  - (b) for the purposes of paragraph (b) or (e) of that subsection, where the offence of which the person has been convicted was committed; or
  - (c) for the purposes of paragraph (c) or (d) of that subsection, where anything that the person was charged with having done took place.
- (3) Subject to subsection (11), in the establishment and implementation of those arrangements, the responsible authorities must act in co-operation with such persons as the Scottish Ministers may, by order made by statutory instrument, specify.
- (4) Subject to subsection (11), it is the duty of—
- (a) any persons specified under subsection (3) to co-operate; and
  - (b) the responsible authorities to co-operate with each other,
- in the establishment and implementation of those arrangements; but only to the extent that such co-operation is compatible with the exercise by those persons and authorities of their functions under any other enactment.
- (5) In the area of each local authority the responsible authorities and the persons specified under subsection (3) must together draw up a memorandum setting out the ways in which they are to co-operate with each other.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance to responsible authorities on the discharge of the functions conferred on those authorities by this section and section 11.
- (7) In this section and in section 11, the “responsible authorities” for the area of a local authority are—
- (a) the chief constable of a police force maintained for a police area (or combined police area) any part of which is comprised within the area of the local authority;
  - (b) the local authority;
  - (c) a Health Board or Special Health Board for an area any part of which is comprised within the area of the local authority; and
  - (d) the Scottish Ministers.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers may by order made by statutory instrument amend the definition of the “responsible authorities” in subsection (7).
- (9) A statutory instrument containing an order under—
- (a) subsection (3) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Parliament;
  - (b) subsection (8) is not made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Parliament.
- (10) Different provision may be made under subsection (3) for different purposes and for different areas.
- (11) The functions and duties, under the preceding provisions of this section and under section 11, of the responsible authorities mentioned in subsection (7)(c) extend only

to the establishment, implementation and review of arrangements for the assessment and management of—

- (a) persons subject to an order under section 57(2)(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) (imposition of special restrictions in disposal of case where accused found to be insane);
  - (b) those subject to a restriction order under section 59 of that Act (provision for restrictions on discharge);
  - (c) those subject to a hospital direction under section 59A of that Act (direction authorising removal to and detention in specified hospital); or
  - (d) those subject to a transfer for treatment direction under section 136 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 13) (transfer of prisoners for treatment for mental disorder).
- (12) But it is the duty of the responsible authorities mentioned in subsection (7)(c) to co-operate (to the extent mentioned in subsection (4)) with the other responsible authorities, with each other and with any persons specified under subsection (3), in the establishment and implementation of arrangements for the assessment and management of persons other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (11).
- (13) In subsection (7)(c)—  
“Health Board” means a board constituted by order under section 2(1)(a) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29)  
; and  
“Special Health Board” means a board so constituted under section 2(1)(b) of that Act.
- (14) The reference in subsection (7)(d) to the Scottish Ministers is to the Scottish Ministers in exercise of their functions under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 (c. 45)

## **11 Review of arrangements**

- (1) The responsible authorities must keep the arrangements established by them under section 10 under review for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of those arrangements and making any changes to them that appear necessary or expedient.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the end of each period of 12 months beginning with 1st April, the responsible authorities must—
  - (a) jointly prepare a report on the discharge by them during that period of the functions conferred by section 10;
  - (b) publish the report in the area of the local authority; and
  - (c) submit the report to the community justice authority within the area of which the area of the local authority is comprised.
- (3) The report must include—
  - (a) details of the arrangements established by the responsible authorities; and

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- (b) information of such description as the Scottish Ministers have notified to the responsible authorities that they wish to be included in the report.