

# **MENTAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE STRUCTURE & A SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### **Part One – the 2003 Act**

#### ***Section 31: Services and accommodation for mothers***

#### **Amendment of [section 24](#)**

92. Section 24 of the 2003 Act places a duty on health boards to provide services and accommodation for certain mothers with post natal depression, to enable those mothers to care for their child in hospital. Section 31 of the Act amends this provision to extend the duty to provide services for mothers with a mental disorder other than post-natal depression, in addition to provision of services for mothers with post-natal depression. Section 31 of the Act also amends section 24 of the 2003 Act so that the duty that the Health Board must provide these services applies only where the Health Board is satisfied that doing so would be beneficial to the wellbeing of the child.