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HOUSING

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Housing Support Services) Regulations 2002

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Coming into force 31st October 2002

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 91(8), 91(9) and 109(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with such bodies representing local authorities and such other persons as they think fit in accordance with section 91(7) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Housing Support Services) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 31st October 2002.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—
- “the Act” means the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001;
 - “care home service”, “personal care” and “personal support” have the same meanings as in the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001(b); and
 - “service user” means a person to whom housing support services are provided.

Services eligible for grant payment

3. The housing support services described in the Schedule to these Regulations are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 91(8) of the Act.

Excepted Accommodation

4. The following types of accommodation are hereby specified as excepted accommodation for the purposes of section 91(9) of the Act:—

- (a) accommodation provided as part of a care home service other than accommodation—
 - (i) for which a grant is paid by the Scottish Ministers under section 2(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988(c) during the financial year ending with 31 March 2003; or
 - (ii) occupied by a person who as at 31 March 2003 is in receipt of housing benefit payable under Schedule 1B of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987(d); and

(a) 2001 asp 10.
(b) 2001 asp 8.
(c) 1988 c.43.
(d) S.I. 1997/1971.

- (b) residential accommodation for which a grant is paid under section 27B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968^(a).

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^(a) 1968 c.49.

SCHEDULE

Prescribed Housing Support Services

1. General counselling and support including befriending, advising on food preparation, reminding and non-specialist counselling where this does not overlap with similar services provided as personal care or personal support.
2. Assisting with the security of the dwelling required because of the needs of the service user.
3. Assisting with the maintenance of the safety of the dwelling.
4. Advising and supervising service users on the use of domestic equipment and appliances.
5. Assisting with arranging minor repairs to and servicing of a service user's own domestic equipment and appliances.
6. Providing life skills training in maintaining the dwelling and curtilage in appropriate condition.
7. Assisting the service user to engage with individuals, professionals and other bodies with an interest in the welfare of the service user.
8. Arranging adaptations to enable the service user to cope with disability.
9. Advising or assisting the service user with personal budgeting and debt counselling.
10. Advising or assisting the service user in dealing with relationships and disputes with neighbours.
11. Advising or assisting the service user in dealing with benefit claims and other official correspondence relevant to sustaining occupancy of the dwelling.
12. Advising or assisting with resettlement of the service user.
13. Advising or assisting the service user to enable him or her to move on to accommodation where less intense support is required.
14. Assisting with shopping and errands where this does not overlap with similar services provided as personal care or personal support.
15. Providing and maintaining emergency alarm and call systems in accommodation designed or adapted for and occupied by elderly, sick or disabled people.
16. Responding to emergency alarm calls, where such calls relate to any of the housing support services prescribed in other paragraphs of this Schedule, in accommodation designed or adapted for and occupied by elderly, sick or disabled people.
17. Controlling access to individual service users' rooms.
18. Cleaning of service users' own rooms and windows.
19. Providing for the costs of resettlement services.
20. Encouraging social intercourse and welfare checks for residents of accommodation supported by either a resident warden or a non-resident warden with a system for calling that warden where this does not overlap with similar services provided as personal care or personal support.
21. Arranging social events for residents of accommodation supported by either a resident warden or a non-resident warden with a system for calling that warden.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the types of support, assistance, advice or counselling services that may be provided by local authorities using grants paid by the Scottish Ministers. The purpose of the support is to assist individuals with particular needs to occupy or continue to occupy, as that person's sole or main residence, accommodation other than—

- (a) residential accommodation provided as part of a care home service; or
- (b) accommodation provided under section 27B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 for offenders and persons under supervision.

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