

POLICY NOTE TO
THE REGULATION OF CARE (SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS) (SCOTLAND)
AMENDMENT ORDER 2013

SSI 2013/141

The above Order was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1)(b) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (“the Act”). This Order is subject to the negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

Under section 44(1) of the Act, the Scottish Social Services Council (“the Council”) is required to maintain a register of, amongst others, social service workers of prescribed descriptions. The relevant descriptions of social service workers are prescribed in the Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers)(Scotland) Order 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/318) (“the 2005 Order”).

This Order amends the definition of residential child care worker in the 2005 Order by removing the reference to a social worker, thereby providing that a social worker may also be included in the parts of the register maintained by the Council which are relevant to a residential child care workers.

The amendment to the definition is made in response to representation from the sector to address a limitation with respect to the registration of residential child care workers.

Consultation

Section 44(4) of the Act requires the Scottish Ministers to consult the Council and other persons, or groups of persons, whom they consider appropriate before making an Order under section 44. The Scottish Ministers have therefore consulted the Council, the Care Inspectorate, employers and providers of residential care services for children.

Financial Effects

This is a technical amendment with no financial impact.

Scottish Government
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