

POLICY NOTE

THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011 (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION) ORDER 2014

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The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 204 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Policy Objectives

The 2011 Act makes provision for a number of functions relating to children's hearings, to the national Children's Panel and to Area Support Teams to be fulfilled by an officer to be known as the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland.

This instrument enables the chairing member of Children's Hearings Scotland to designate an individual to discharge the statutory functions of the National Convener during a period when there is no National Convener in post or where a National Convener is in post, but unable to act. The instrument allows the person so designated by the chairing member to exercise all of the National Convener's functions for the relevant period. The instrument also allows Children's Hearings Scotland to make such a designation if the chairing is unable to act.

Commencement Date

The date for the commencement of these regulations is 20 June 2014.

Consultation

There has been no opportunity for public consultation on this instrument given the urgency associated with its introduction. However, the Scottish Government has maintained close dialogue with Children's Hearings Scotland board and officers throughout its development.

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