



# Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 36

## <sup>F1F2</sup>PART I S

APPLICATION OF ACT

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### Textual Amendments

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## <sup>F1F2</sup>PART II S

MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION

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## PART III E+W+S

LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

<sup>F1F2</sup>7 **Functions of local authorities.** S

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**F1F28 Provision of after-care services. S**

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**F1F29 Appointment of mental health officers. S**

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**[<sup>F1</sup>10 Welfare of certain hospital patients. E+W+S**

- (1) The provisions of this section shall apply to any patient suffering from mental disorder who is—
- <sup>F3</sup>(a) .....
  - <sup>F3</sup>(aa) .....
  - (b) a person who is under the guardianship of a local authority under <sup>F4</sup>... the provisions of the <sup>M1</sup>Mental Health Act 1983; or
  - (c) a person the functions of whose nearest relative <sup>F5</sup>... under the Mental Health Act 1983 are for the time being transferred to a local authority.
- (2) Where [<sup>F6</sup>, in Scotland, a patient to whom this section applies is (whether for treatment for mental disorder or for any other reason) admitted to any hospital or to accommodation provided by a care home service] then, without prejudice to their duties in relation to the patient apart from the provisions of this section, the authority having rights or functions in relation to him as aforesaid shall arrange for visits to be made to him on their behalf, and shall take such other steps in relation to the patient while in the hospital or [<sup>F7</sup>accommodation] as would be expected of a parent.]

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- F6** Words in s. 10(2) substituted (S.) (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), ss. 79, 81(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2\(f\)\(h\)](#) (subject to [arts. 3-13](#))
- F7** Words in s. 10(2) substituted (S.) (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), ss. 79, 81(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2\(f\)\(h\)](#) (subject to [arts. 3-13](#))

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- M1** 1983 c. 20.

**[<sup>F1F2</sup>11 The training and occupation of the mentally handicapped. S**

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## <sup>F1F2</sup> PART IV **S**

### PRIVATE HOSPITALS

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## <sup>F1F2</sup> PART V **U.K.**

### ADMISSION TO AND DETENTION IN HOSPITAL AND GUARDIANSHIP

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**F1F2**<sup>94</sup> **Powers of managers in relation to property of patients.** **S**

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## 95 Reciprocal arrangements in relation to Northern Ireland as to exercise of powers. **S+N.I.**

- (1) Where a curator bonis, tutor <sup>[F8]</sup>, guardian] or judicial factor has been appointed under the law in force in Scotland for any person suffering from mental disorder, the provisions of that law shall apply in relation to the property and affairs of that person in Northern Ireland unless <sup>[F9]</sup>he is a patient in relation to whom powers have been exercised under Part VIII of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, or a person as to whom powers are exercisable and have been exercised under Article 97(2) of that Order].
- (2) <sup>[F10]</sup>Part VIII of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 shall apply in relation to the property and affairs in Scotland of a patient in relation to whom powers have been exercised under that Part, or a person as to whom powers are exercisable and have been exercised under Article 97(2) of that Order, as it applies in relation to his property and affairs in Northern Ireland] unless a curator bonis, tutor <sup>[F11]</sup>, guardian] or judicial factor has been appointed for him in Scotland.
- (3) In this section references to property do not include references to land or interests in land:

Provided that this subsection shall not prevent the receipt of rent or other income arising from land or interests in land.

### Textual Amendments

- F8** Word in s. 95(1) inserted (1.10.2003) by [Adults with Incapacity \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(asp 4\)](#), s. 89(2), [sch. 5 para. 17\(23\)\(a\)](#); S.S.I. 2003/267, art. 2(2)(d)
- F9** Words substituted by [S.I. 1986/596](#), [art. 3\(16\)](#)
- F10** Words substituted by [S.I. 1986/596](#), [art. 3\(17\)](#)
- F11** Word in s. 95(2) inserted (1.10.2003) by [Adults with Incapacity \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(asp 4\)](#), s. 89(2), [sch. 5 para. 17\(23\)\(b\)](#); S.S.I. 2003/267, art. 2(2)(d)

## <sup>F1F2</sup>PART X **S**

### CONSENT TO TREATMENT

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## PART XI **S**

### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### <sup>F1F2</sup> *Offences*

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#### <sup>F1F2</sup> *Miscellaneous provisions*

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## Supplementary

### <sup>F1F2</sup>120 Provisions as to custody, conveyance and detention. **U.K.**

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### <sup>F1F2</sup>121 Retaking of patients escaping from custody. **U.K.**

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### <sup>F1F2</sup>121A Warrants for arrest of escaped mental patients. **U.K.**

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**F1F2** **122 Protection for acts done in pursuance of this Act. U.K.**

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**F1F2** 125 Interpretation. **U.K.**

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**F1F2** 127 Consequential and transitional provisions and repeals. **U.K.**

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- s. 7(4) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(4\)](#) (S. 46 is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 8(5) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(5\)](#) (S. 46 is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
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- s. 125(1) words inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 17\(24\)\(b\)](#)
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**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 13(1)(aa) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(4\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1604 art. 2](#) commences (2005 c. 4)