



National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 19

PART IV

COMMUNITY CARE: SCOTLAND

51 Power of Secretary of State to give directions.

After subsection (1) of section 5 (powers of Secretary of State) of the ^{M1}Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (in this Part of this Act referred to as “the 1968 Act”) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) Without prejudice to subsection (1) above, the Secretary of State may issue directions to local authorities, either individually or collectively, as to the manner in which they are to exercise any of their functions under this Act or any of the enactments mentioned in section 2(2) of this Act; and a local authority shall comply with any direction made under this subsection.”

Commencement Information

II S. 51 wholly in force at 1.4.1991 see s. 67(2) and S.I. 1990/2510, art. 2, Sch.

Marginal Citations

M1 1968 c. 49.

Changes to legislation:

National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, Section 51 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 October 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A(1)(c) and word added by [S.I. 2006/1056 Sch. para. 5\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force, see art. 1(2)(b))