



Mental Health Act 1959

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PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Offences

131 Prosecutions by local authorities.

(1) A [^{F1}local social services authority] may institute proceedings for any offence under this Part of this Act, but without prejudice to any provision of this Part of this Act requiring the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the institution of such proceedings.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(2\)](#)

F2 [Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131\(2\), 134, 144\(2\), 146](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959, Section 131.