



Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

2003 asp 13

PART 4

HEALTH BOARD AND LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS

CHAPTER 2

LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS

Co-operation and assistance

31 Assistance from Health Boards and others

- (1) Where it appears to a local authority that the assistance of a Health Board, a Special Health Board or a National Health Service trust—
 - (a) is necessary to enable the authority to perform any of their duties under section 25 or 26 of this Act; or
 - (b) would help the authority to perform any of those duties,the authority may request the Health Board, Special Health Board or National Health Service trust to co-operate by providing the assistance specified in the request.
- (2) A Health Board, a Special Health Board or a National Health Service trust receiving a request under subsection (1) above shall, if complying with the request—
 - (a) would be compatible with the discharge of its own functions (whether under any enactment or otherwise); and
 - (b) would not prejudice unduly the discharge by it of any of those functions, comply with the request.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to section 21 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36) (which enables a local authority to require assistance from a Health Board, a National Health Service trust or others in the exercise of the authority's functions under Part II of that Act) ^{F1}and section 183 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act

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[2011 \(asp 1\)](#) (which enables a local authority to obtain assistance from another local authority or a health board in the carrying out of the authority's functions under the Act)].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [s. 31\(3\)](#) inserted (24.6.2013) by [The Childrens Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Modification of Primary Legislation\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/211\)](#), art. 1, **sch. 1 para. 13**

Commencement Information

- II** S. 31 in force at 5.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/161](#), **art. 3** (as substituted (1.7.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/375](#), art. 2 and as amended (22.9.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/459](#), art. 2)

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

- s. 64(8A)(8B) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 65(7) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(3\)](#)