

# **PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 4**

#### **Public Health Functions of Health Boards**

#### **Quarantine and detention: steps that may be taken**

##### *Section 46 Authorised steps*

92. This section sets out authorised steps which may be taken under a quarantine order, a short term detention order or an exceptional detention order. These are disinfection, disinfestation and decontamination.

##### *Section 47 Authorised steps: least invasive and least intrusive procedures*

93. This section provides that where any of the steps mentioned in section 46 have been authorised under a quarantine, short term detention or exceptional detention order, the health care professional authorised to carry out the steps must not use invasive or intrusive procedures unless it is considered that the procedures are necessary to achieve the purpose for which the step is being taken. Where there is a need to carry out such procedures the health care professional must use the least invasive and least intrusive procedures practicable.