

*These notes relate to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland)  
Act 2014 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2014*

# **PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1**

#### **Functions of Local Authorities and Health Boards**

#### **Implementation of integration scheme**

#### ***Section 10 – Chief officer of integration joint board***

29. **Section 10** requires the integration joint board to appoint a member of staff to be its chief officer. The integration joint board will not necessarily be given powers to employ its own staff. Subsections (2), (3) and (4) provide that the chief officer is to be seconded to the integration joint board from its constituent local authority or Health Board. In the event that there is a wish in future for the chief officer to be employed directly by the integration joint board, the Scottish Ministers have powers to make an order under subsection (5) to enable this.
30. Subsection (4) provides that where the person to be appointed is not an existing member of staff of a local authority or Health Board which prepared the integration scheme, the person is first to be appointed to the local authority or the Health Board and then seconded to the integration joint board.
31. Subsection (6) requires the integration joint board to consult the Health Board and each local authority, before appointing the chief officer of the integration joint board.
32. Subsection (7) provides for the Scottish Ministers to approve the responsibilities of the chief officer.