



Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015

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Further review by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

10 Procedural matters

- (1) The procedure for conducting a review in pursuance of an application under section 7(2) is to be such as the Ombudsman thinks fit.
- (2) The Ombudsman may, in particular—
 - (a) obtain information from such persons and in such manner, and make such inquiries, as the Ombudsman thinks fit,
 - (b) hold an oral hearing or determine the review without one.
- (3) The Ombudsman may require any of the following persons to supply or produce information or documents which the Ombudsman considers is or are, or may be, relevant to the review—
 - (a) the local authority concerned,
 - (b) the applicant for assistance,
 - (c) any other person.
- (4) The Ombudsman may administer oaths at an oral hearing held in relation to the review.
- (5) The Ombudsman may make rules setting out—
 - (a) factors to be taken into account by the Ombudsman in deciding whether to hold an oral hearing in relation to a review in pursuance of applications under section 7(2),
 - (b) the procedure to be followed in connection with an oral hearing.
- (6) Before making such rules, the Ombudsman must consult—
 - (a) local authorities, and
 - (b) such other persons as the Ombudsman considers appropriate.
- (7) The Ombudsman must publish any such rules as soon as reasonably practicable.