

# Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015

## PART 1

## THE 2003 ACT

Cross-border transfers and absconding patients

## 32 Cross-border transfer of patients

- (1) The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 289 (cross-border transfer: patients subject to requirement other than detention), in paragraph (b) of subsection (1)—
  - (a) the words from "a person" to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
  - (b) after that sub-paragraph (as so numbered) there is inserted—
    - "(ii) a person subject to corresponding requirements in a member State of the European Union (apart from the United Kingdom) and removed from that State.".
- (3) In section 290 (cross-border transfer: patients subject to detention requirement or otherwise in hospital)—
  - (a) in paragraph (c) of subsection (1)—
    - (i) the words from "a person" to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
    - (ii) after that sub-paragraph (as so numbered) there is inserted—
      - "(ii) a person subject to corresponding measures in a member State of the European Union (apart from the United Kingdom) and removed from that State.",
  - (b) for paragraph (f) of subsection (2) there is substituted—
    - "(f) enable an appeal against any such decision to be made by—
      - (i) such a patient,
      - (ii) the named person of such a patient,
      - (iii) if such a patient has no named person any guardian of such a patient, any welfare attorney of such a patient,

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the primary carer (if any) of such a patient, the nearest relative of such a patient;".

- (4) In section 309A (cross-border visits: leave of absence), in subsection (1)—
  - (a) the words from "a person" to the end become paragraph (a),
  - (b) after that paragraph (as so numbered) there is inserted—
    - "(b) a person who is subject to a corresponding suspension of detention in a member State of the European Union (apart from the United Kingdom)."

## **Commencement Information**

- II S. 32 in force at 5.5.2017 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2017/126, art. 2, sch.
- I2 S. 32 in force at 30.6.2017 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2017/197, art. 2, sch.

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