



# Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

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## *The inquiry*

### **24 Assessors**

- (1) The sheriff may appoint a person (an “assessor”) to assist the sheriff in an inquiry.
- (2) The sheriff may appoint a person as an assessor if the sheriff considers that the person has knowledge and expertise in matters that are relevant to the inquiry.
- (3) The sheriff may make an appointment under subsection (1)—
  - (a) on the sheriff’s own initiative, or
  - (b) on the application of the procurator fiscal or a participant in the inquiry.