

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

PART 10

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

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- (1) In providing non-emergency patient transport services, each health board must work with bodies which provide community transport services in its area.
- (2) But nothing in subsection (1) requires a body which provides community transport services in its area to undertake work for which it does not have the capacity.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, each health board must publish a report setting out—
 - (a) the steps it has taken to comply with the duty in subsection (1),
 - (b) its position on the extent to which non-emergency patient transport services in its area have been—
 - (i) effective, and
 - (ii) cost effective,
 - (c) any further action it proposes to take to comply with the duty in subsection (1).
- (4) A report under subsection (3) may be published in such manner as the board considers appropriate.
- (5) In this section, "community transport services" means—
 - (a) community bus services within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Transport Act 1985, and
 - (b) such other transport services or descriptions of transport services which are provided—
 - (i) by a body concerned for the social and welfare needs of one or more communities, and
 - (ii) without a view to profit by that body or anybody else, as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.