



Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020

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Guidance

PROSPECTIVE

2 Guidance relating to female genital mutilation

In the 2005 Act, after section 5R (as inserted by section 1) insert—

“5S Guidance relating to female genital mutilation

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may give guidance to such persons, or such descriptions of persons, as they consider appropriate about—
 - (a) the effect of this Act or any provision of it, or
 - (b) any other matters relating to female genital mutilation.
- (2) A person exercising public functions to whom guidance is given under this section must have regard to it in the exercise of those functions.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may not give guidance under this section to—
 - (a) any court or tribunal,
 - (b) the Lord Advocate,
 - (c) a procurator fiscal.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may from time to time revise any guidance given under this section.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (3) have effect in relation to any revised guidance.
- (6) Guidance given under this section (including any revised guidance) must be published in such manner as the Scottish Ministers think fit.”

Status:

This version of this provision is prospective.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020, Section 2.