

*These notes relate to the Forensic Medical Services  
(Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 3)*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **FORENSIC MEDICAL SERVICES (VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OFFENCES) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021**

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