



Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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PART 4

HEALTH BOARD AND LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS

CHAPTER 1

HEALTH BOARD DUTIES

Services and accommodation: particular cases

23 Provision of services and accommodation for certain patients under 18

- (1) A Health Board shall provide for any child or young person who—
- (a) is detained in hospital under Part 5 or 6 of this Act; or
 - (b) has been admitted to hospital, whether voluntarily or not, for the purposes of receiving treatment for a mental disorder,
- such services and accommodation as are sufficient for the particular needs of that child or young person.
- (2) In this section, “child or young person” means a person under the age of 18 years.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 23 in force at 5.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/161, art. 3 (as substituted (1.7.2005) by S.S.I. 2005/375, art. 2 and as amended (22.9.2005) by S.S.I. 2005/459, art. 2)

24 [F1Services and accommodation for mothers]

- (1) A Health Board shall provide for any woman who—
- (a) is the mother or adoptive mother of a child less than one year old;

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- (b) cares for the child;
- (c) is not likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child; and
- (d) has been admitted to hospital, whether voluntarily or not, for the purposes of receiving treatment ^[F2]for—
 - (i) post-natal depression; or
 - (ii) a mental disorder (other than post-natal depression),]

such services and accommodation as are necessary to ensure that the woman is able, if she wishes, to care for the child in hospital.

^[F3](1A) But a Health Board is required to provide services and accommodation under subsection (1) above only if it is satisfied that doing so would be beneficial to the wellbeing of the child.]

- (2) Each Health Board shall collaborate with other Health Boards to whatever extent is necessary to fulfil its duty under subsection (1) above.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 24 title substituted by virtue of (30.6.2017) by [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 9\)](#), **ss. 31(3)**, 61(2); S.S.I. 2017/197, art. 2, sch.
 - F2** Words in s. 24(1)(d) substituted (30.6.2017) by [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 9\)](#), **ss. 31(2)(a)**, 61(2); S.S.I. 2017/197, art. 2, sch.
 - F3** S. 24(1A) inserted (30.6.2017) by [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 9\)](#), **ss. 31(2)(b)**, 61(2); S.S.I. 2017/197, art. 2, sch.
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 64(8A)(8B) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 65(7) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(3\)](#)