



# Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 2007 asp 10

## PART 1

### PROTECTION OF ADULTS AT RISK OF HARM

#### *Inquiries*

#### **5 Co-operation**

- (1) This section applies to—
- (a) the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland,
  - (b) the Care Commission,
  - (c) the Public Guardian,
  - (d) all councils,
  - (e) chief constables of police forces,
  - (f) the relevant Health Board, and
  - (g) any other public body or office-holder as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify.
- (2) The public bodies and office-holders to which this section applies must, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions, co-operate with—
- (a) a council making inquiries under section 4, and
  - (b) each other,
- where such co-operation is likely to enable or assist the council making those inquiries.
- (3) Where a public body or office-holder to which this section applies knows or believes—
- (a) that a person is an adult at risk, and
  - (b) that action needs to be taken (under this Part or otherwise) in order to protect that person from harm,
- the public body or office-holder must report the facts and circumstances of the case to the council for the area in which it considers the person to be.