



Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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PART 5

SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK: SCRUTINY AND IMPROVEMENT

CHAPTER 1

SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland

44 Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland

- (1) There is established a body to be known as Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (in this Part referred to as “SCSWIS”), which—
 - (a) is to exercise the functions conferred on it by this Act or any other enactment, and
 - (b) has the general duty of furthering improvement in the quality of social services.
- (2) SCSWIS must, in the exercise of its functions, act—
 - (a) in accordance with any directions given to it by the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (b) under the general guidance of the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may vary or revoke any direction given under subsection (2)(a).
- (4) Schedule 11 (which makes further provision about the status, constitution, proceedings etc. of Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I1 S. 44 in force at 1.8.2010 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2010/221, art. 3(2)(3), Sch.
- I2 S. 44 in force at 1.10.2010 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2010/321, art. 3, Sch.

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I3 S. 44 in force at 1.4.2011 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2011/122, art. 2, Sch.

45 General principles

- (1) SCSWIS must exercise its functions in accordance with the principles set out in the following subsections.
- (2) The safety and wellbeing of all persons who use, or are eligible to use, any social service are to be protected and enhanced.
- (3) The independence of those persons is to be promoted.
- (4) Diversity in the provision of social services is to be promoted with a view to those persons being afforded choice.
- (5) Good practice in the provision of social services is to be identified, promulgated and promoted.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 45 in force at 1.10.2010 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2010/321, art. 3, Sch.

I5 S. 45 in force at 1.4.2011 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2011/122, art. 2, Sch.

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- Pt. 5 Ch. 3A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2019 asp 6, s. 12(2) by [S.S.I. 2023/127 reg. 3\(4\)](#)
- Pt. 5 Ch. 3A inserted by [2019 asp 6 s. 12\(2\)](#)