



Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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PART 5

SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK: SCRUTINY AND IMPROVEMENT

CHAPTER 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY ADOPTION AND FOSTERING SERVICES ETC.

92 Default powers of Scottish Ministers

- (1) If the Scottish Ministers (having received a report under section 91 or otherwise) are satisfied that a local authority providing a care service registered under this Chapter is, without reasonable excuse—
 - (a) failing to comply with an improvement notice, or
 - (b) carrying on the service other than in accordance with the relevant requirements,they may take the action mentioned in subsection (2) in respect of the matter.
- (2) The action is—
 - (a) to declare the authority to be in default, and
 - (b) to direct the authority to take such steps to remedy the matter as may be specified in the direction within such reasonable period as may be so specified.
- (3) If the authority fails to comply with a direction under subsection (2)—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers may—
 - (i) take the steps specified in the direction themselves, or
 - (ii) make arrangements for any other person to take those steps on their behalf, or
 - (b) the Court of Session may, on the application of the Scottish Ministers, order specific performance of those steps.

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- (4) All expenses of the Scottish Ministers under subsection (3) are recoverable as a debt due by the authority to them.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 92 in force at 1.10.2010 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2010/321, art. 3, **Sch.**
I2 S. 92 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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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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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\(2\)](#)