



Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

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General

23 Interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
- “the 1978 Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29);
 - [^{F1}“the 2021 Act” means the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021;]
 - “the Agency” has the meaning given by section 5(2)(c);
 - “the Charter” means the Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities published under section 1;
 - “health care” means services provided under the health service [^{F2}or under the 2021 Act];
 - “health care principles” has the meaning given by section 6(1);
 - “the health service” means the health service established in pursuance of section 1 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 27);
 - “health service function” means
 - (a) [^{F3}any function under or by virtue of the 1978 Act which is a function concerned with, or connected to, the health service;]
 - (b) [^{F4}the functions conferred by the 2021 Act;]
 - [^{F5}“patient” includes (except in sections 8 to 13) a person in relation to whom a Health Board is exercising the functions conferred by the 2021 Act;]
 - “patient advice and support service” is to be construed in accordance with section 18(1);
 - “relevant NHS body” has the meaning given by section 5(2).
- (2) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, terms used in this Act and the 1978 Act have the same meaning as they have in the 1978 Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 23(1) inserted (1.4.2022) by [Forensic Medical Services \(Victims of Sexual Offences\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(asp 3\), s. 20\(2\), sch. para. 4\(4\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 3); S.S.I. 2022/24, reg. 2

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- F2** Words in s. 23(1) inserted (1.4.2022) by Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 3), s. 20(2), **sch. para. 4(4)(b)** (with s. 3); S.S.I. 2022/24, reg. 2
- F3** Word in s. 23(1) inserted (1.4.2022) by Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 3), s. 20(2), **sch. para. 4(4)(c)(i)** (with s. 3); S.S.I. 2022/24, reg. 2
- F4** Words in s. 23(1) inserted (1.4.2022) by Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 3), s. 20(2), **sch. para. 4(4)(c)(ii)** (with s. 3); S.S.I. 2022/24, reg. 2
- F5** Words in s. 23(1) inserted (1.4.2022) by Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 3), s. 20(2), **sch. para. 4(4)(d)** (with s. 3); S.S.I. 2022/24, reg. 2

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 23 in force at 1.4.2012 by S.S.I. 2012/35, **art. 2(a)**

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