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DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No.**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities)  
(Scotland) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 2012

*Coming into force* - - 5th March 2012

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 151(3) of the Equality Act 2010<sup>(a)</sup> and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 152(3) of that Act the Scottish Ministers have obtained the consent of a Minister of the Crown and have consulted the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

In accordance with section 210(2) of that Act a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2012 and comes into force on 5th March 2012.

**Amendment of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010**

2. In Part 3 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 (public authorities: relevant Scottish authorities)<sup>(b)</sup> after the entry “The Water Industry Commission for Scotland” insert—

*“Other bodies and offices added on 5th March 2012*

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<sup>(a)</sup> 2010 c.15.

<sup>(b)</sup> Part 3 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 is amended by SSI 2011/233.

Children’s Hearings Scotland.

The National Convener of Children’s Hearings Scotland.”.

St Andrew’s House,  
Edinburgh  
Date

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the list of public authorities in Part 3 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 by adding Children's Hearings Scotland and the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland to that list. The public authorities listed in Part 3 are subject to the public sector equality duty in section 149 of that Act.

The public sector equality duty is to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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*Draft Order laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010 for approval of the Scottish Parliament.*

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