

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend existing provisions regarding the sharing of information in connection with the social security functions of the Scottish Ministers that are contained in the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (“the 2021 Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 4 of the 2021 Regulations to specify further purposes for which information held by the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of a social security function may be supplied to local authorities and to the Public Guardian.

Regulations 4A, 4B and 4C of the 2021 Regulations, as inserted by these Regulations, set out that the Scottish Ministers must know or believe that an objective threshold of risk of harm to the individual has been met before they share any information to be used for the new specified purposes.

Regulation 4 amends the 2021 Regulations by adding a new heading above regulation 5 of those regulations.

Impact assessments have been prepared for these Regulations and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies can be obtained from the Scottish Government Social Security Directorate, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH66 6QQ and online at www.legislation.gov.uk.