

# Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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Investigations by the Ombudsman

## [F16B Further provision in relation to healthcare whistleblowing

- (1) In a case where a complaint or request is made in relation to a matter mentioned in section 6A(1), the complaint or request is not to be regarded as relating to a matter mentioned in section 5(1).
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the reference—
  - (a) in section 6A(6) to action taken in connection with family health services, and
  - (b) in section 7(6) to action taken in relation to services that—
    - (i) an independent provider provided, or
    - (ii) it was an independent provider's function to provide,

includes action taken in handling, or in light of, a complaint made in connection with those services.

(3) Nothing in section 6A requires the Ombudsman to make a model complaints handling procedure for whistleblowers' complaints relevant to a body or provider by virtue of a specification under section 16C(1).

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Ss. 6A, 6B inserted (8.1.2020) by The Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/5), arts. 2, 3(2)

### **Status:**

Point in time view as at 08/01/2020.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002, Section 6B.