

*These notes relate to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act  
2011 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 6 January 2011*

# **CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 – General Considerations**

##### **General considerations**

##### ***Section 31 – Sheriff: duty to consider appointing safeguarder***

33. This section places a duty on the sheriff to actively consider whether to appoint a Safeguarder in relation to the child. It relates to court proceedings under parts 10 and 15 where a Safeguarder has not already been appointed in relation to those proceedings. A Safeguarder appointed under this section is to be treated as having been appointed by a Children's Hearing under section 30.