

*These notes relate to the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 31 March 2011*

PATIENT RIGHTS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule: Health care principles

78. The schedule sets out the health care principles. Section 5 of this Act places a duty on relevant NHS bodies to uphold these principles, and to ensure that those with whom they enter into contracts, agreements or arrangements uphold these principles when delivering healthcare. The principles should ensure that health services are provided in a way that places the patient and their needs and experiences at the centre of an interaction with health services, and which also ensures that patients are encouraged and provided with support to participate in decisions about their treatment and health care.