



Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

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General

23 Interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
- “the 1978 Act” means the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29);
 - “the Agency” has the meaning given by section 5(2)(c);
 - “the Charter” means the Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities published under section 1;
 - “health care” means services provided under the health service;
 - “health care principles” has the meaning given by section 6(1);
 - “the health service” means the health service established in pursuance of section 1 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 27);
 - “health service function” means any function under or by virtue of the 1978 Act which is a function concerned with, or connected to, the health service;
 - “patient advice and support service” is to be construed in accordance with section 18(1);
 - “relevant NHS body” has the meaning given by section 5(2).
- (2) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, terms used in this Act and the 1978 Act have the same meaning as they have in the 1978 Act.