

*These notes relate to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act  
2015 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 4 August 2015*

# **MENTAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE STRUCTURE & A SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### **Part One – the 2003 Act**

#### ***Section 27: information about advocacy services***

#### **New section 259A**

84. **Section 27** requires local authorities, Health Boards, and the State Hospitals Board for Scotland to provide information to the Mental Welfare Commission on how they have exercised their functions under section 259 of the 2003 Act and how they plan to do so. The Commission may seek information at intervals that it chooses, covering periods of at least 2 years.