DISCLOSURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTES

PROVISION BY PROVISION COMMENTARY

Part 2: Protection of vulnerable groups

Listing

Section 85: Appeals and removals: information power

175. Sections 18 to 20 of the PVG Act relate to the information gathering powers available to Ministers when considering whether to list an individual (under sections 15 or 16) or whether to remove an individual from the list (under section 26). Section 85 of the Act adds a new section 29A to the PVG Act that expands the application of sections 18 to 20 so that the powers to obtain information also apply where Ministers are considering whether or not an individual *should not have been listed* or is *no longer unsuitable* to carry out regulated roles with children or adults. This consideration would take place when an individual raises an appeal, but also in other circumstances, e.g. when late representations are received or when Ministers become aware of information from another source which called into question the original listing decision.