

These notes relate to the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 24th April 2020

**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION
(PROTECTION AND GUIDANCE)
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2020**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Scottish Government in order to assist the reader of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by the Parliament.
2. These Notes should be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a section, or a part of a section, does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.