

*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**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION PROTECTION ORDERS**

#### ***Section 1: Female genital mutilation protection orders***

#### **Inserted Section 5H: Anonymity orders: other proceedings relating to female genital mutilation protection orders**

51. This section gives the court power to make an anonymity order in other proceedings relating to a female genital mutilation protection order (such as proceedings to vary or extend an existing order), and largely replicates the provisions of inserted section 5G. Unlike section 5G, this section does not direct the court to consider making an anonymity order, as the court will have already done so in terms of section 5G when the order was first made. The anonymity order may be made on the application of a person who is or would be a party to the proceedings on the female genital mutilation protection order. An anonymity order may also be made by the court where no application has been made but the court considers it is just to do so.