



Mental Health Act 1959

1959 CHAPTER 72 7 and 8 Eliz 2

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1—5.^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983](#) (c. 74, SIF 98:3), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947](#) (c. 19), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949](#) (c. 45) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983](#) (c. 20, SIF 85), [Sch. 6](#)

PART II

LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. II amended by [Local Authority Social Services Act 1970](#) (c. 42), s. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#)

General Provisions

6, 7.^{F2}

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F2 Ss. 6, 7 repealed by [Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 \(c. 46\)](#), s. 12(7), [Sch. 4](#)

8 Functions of welfare authorities.

^{F3}(1) For the purposes of subsection (8) of section twenty-one of the ^{M1} National Assistance Act 1948 (which restricts the duties of local authorities in respect of the provision of accommodation under that section by reference to the provision authorised or required to be made under other enactments) no account shall be taken of the provision authorised or required to be made by ^{F4} local social services authorities] under ^{F5} paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the ^{M2} National Health Service Act 1977] , with respect to residential accommodation for persons who are or have been suffering from mental disorder.]

(2) ^{F6}The persons referred to in subsection (1) of section twenty-nine of the said Act of 1948 (which section enables local authorities to make arrangements for promoting the welfare of blind persons and other disabled persons described in the said subsection (1)) shall include mentally disordered persons of any description; and] for the purposes of subsection (6) of that section (which, among other things, excludes from that section the provision of accommodation or services required to be provided under the ^{M3} National Health Service Act 1946), no account shall be taken of the provisions of ^{F7} Schedule 20 to the National Health Service Act 2006 or Schedule 15 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006], with respect to the provision of accommodation or services for such persons.

^{F8}(3)

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a local authority to make provision for the same purposes both under . . . ^{F9} Part III of the ^{M4} National Assistance Act 1948 ^{F10} and under ^{F11} Schedule 20 to the National Health Service Act 2006 or Schedule 15 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006]].

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 8(1) repealed (*prosp.*) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), ss. 66(2), 67(2), [Sch. 10](#)

F4 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(1\)](#)

F5 Words substituted by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 15 para. 24\(1\)](#)

F6 Words repealed (*prosp.*) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), ss. 66(2), 67(2), [Sch. 10](#)

F7 Words in s. 8(2) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 8(2), [Sch. 1 para. 23\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)

F8 S. 8(3) repealed (1.9.1992) by [Charities Act 1992 \(c. 41\)](#), s. 78(2), [Sch. 7](#); S.I. 1992/1900, art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#)

F9 Words repealed by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 16](#)

F10 Words added by [National Health Service Act 1977 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 129, [Sch. 15 para. 24\(3\)](#)

F11 Words in s. 8(4) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 8(2), [Sch. 1 para. 23\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)

Marginal Citations

M1 1948 c. 29.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

- M2 1977 c. 49.
- M3 1946 c. 81.
- M4 1948 c. 29.

F12⁹

Textual Amendments

- F12 S. 9 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), Sch.15 (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1) and 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)

10 F13

Textual Amendments

- F13 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 (c. 74, SIF 98:3), Sch. 7 Part II entries relating to: Polish Resettlement Act 1947 (c. 19), U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), Sch. 6

11— F14
13.

Textual Amendments

- F14 Ss. 11–13, Sch. 2 repealed by Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1970 (c. 52), Sch.

PART III

MENTAL NURSING HOMES, RESIDENTIAL HOMES, ETC.

14— F15
18.

Textual Amendments

- F15 Ss. 14–18, 23(2) repealed by Nursing Homes Act 1975 (c. 37), s. 22(3), Sch. 3

19— F16
21.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F16 Ss. 19–21, 23(1), Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: [National Assistance Act 1948 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 37 repealed by [Residential Homes Act 1980 \(c. 7\)](#), **Sch. 2**

22 **F17**

Textual Amendments

F17 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

23 (1) **F18**

(2) **F19**

Textual Amendments

F18 Ss. 19–21, 23(1), Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: [National Assistance Act 1948 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 37 repealed by [Residential Homes Act 1980 \(c. 7\)](#), **Sch. 2**

F19 Ss. 14–18, 23(2) repealed by [Nursing Homes Act 1975 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 22(3), **Sch. 3**

24 **F20**

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 24 repealed by [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), **Sch. 18 Pt. II**

PART IV

COMPULSORY ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL AND GUARDIANSHIP

25— **F21**

35.

Textual Amendments

F21 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

36 F22

Textual Amendments

F22 S. 36 repealed and superseded by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

37— F23
43.

Textual Amendments

F23 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

44 F24

Textual Amendments

F24 Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131(2), 134, 144(2), 146, Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

45— F25
59.

Textual Amendments

F25 Ss. 45-59 repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c.20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

PART V

**ADMISSION OF PATIENTS CONCERNED IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS,
ETC., AND TRANSFER OF PATIENTS UNDER SENTENCE**

60 F26

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F26 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

61 **F27**

Textual Amendments

F27 Ss. 61, 79 repealed by [Children and Young Persons Act 1969 \(c. 54\)](#), **Sch. 6**

62— **F28**
68.

Textual Amendments

F28 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

69 **F29**

Textual Amendments

F29 S. 69 repealed by [Criminal Justice Act 1967 \(c. 80\)](#), **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

70— **F30**
76.

Textual Amendments

F30 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

77, 78. **F31**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F31 Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131(2), 134, 144(2), 146, Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: Representation of the People Act 1949 (c. 68) repealed by Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982 (c. 51, SIF 85), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

79 **F32**

Textual Amendments

F32 Ss. 61, 79 repealed by Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54), **Sch. 6**

80 **F33**

Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: Polish Resettlement Act 1947 (c. 19), U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

PART VI

REMOVAL AND RETURN OF PATIENTS WITHIN UNITED KINGDOM, ETC.

81 **F34**

Textual Amendments

F34 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: Polish Resettlement Act 1947 (c. 19), U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

82— **F35**

84.

Textual Amendments

F35 Ss. 82–84, 91 repealed by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 (c. 61), **Sch. 5**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

85 F36

Textual Amendments
F36 S. 85 (which was substituted for ss. 85 and 86 by [Mental Health Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1961 \(c. 15\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. I](#)) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

87 F37

Textual Amendments
F37 S. 87 (which was substituted for ss. 87 and 88 by [Mental Health Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1961 \(c. 15\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. I](#)) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

89, 90. F38

Textual Amendments
F38 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

91 F39

Textual Amendments
F39 Ss. 82–84, 91 repealed by [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Act 1960 \(c. 61\)](#), [Sch. 5](#)

92— F40
96.

Textual Amendments
F40 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

PART VII

SPECIAL HOSPITALS

97, 98. F41

.....
Textual Amendments

F41 Ss. 97, 98 repealed by National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), **Sch. 5**

99 F42

.....
Textual Amendments

F42 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: Polish Resettlement Act 1947 (c. 19), U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

PART VIII

MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY AND AFFAIRS OF PATIENTS

100— F43
119.

.....
Textual Amendments

F43 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: Polish Resettlement Act 1947 (c. 19), U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

120 F44

.....
Textual Amendments

F44 S. 120, Sch. 4 repealed by S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4), art. 138, **Sch. 7**

121 F45

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F45 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the *Fines and Recoveries Act 1983* (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: *Polish Resettlement Act 1947* (c. 19), U.S.A. *Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949* (c. 45) repealed by *Mental Health Act 1983* (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Pt. IX amended by *Local Authority Social Services Act 1970* (c. 42), s. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

122— **F46**
124.

Textual Amendments

F46 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the *Fines and Recoveries Act 1983* (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: *Polish Resettlement Act 1947* (c. 19), U.S.A. *Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949* (c. 45) repealed by *Mental Health Act 1983* (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

Offences

125, **F47**
126.

Textual Amendments

F47 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the *Fines and Recoveries Act 1983* (c. 74, SIF 98:3), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: *Polish Resettlement Act 1947* (c. 19), U.S.A. *Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949* (c. 45) repealed by *Mental Health Act 1983* (c. 20, SIF 85), **Sch. 6**

^{F48}**127** **Amendment of Sexual Offences Act, 1956.**

.....

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F48 S. 127 repealed (1.5.2004) by [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 141, Sch. 6 para. 13, **Sch. 7**; S.I. 2004/874, art. 2

^{F49}128 Sexual intercourse with patients.

.....

Textual Amendments

F49 S. 128 repealed (1.5.2004) by [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 141, Sch. 6 para. 13, **Sch. 7**; S.I. 2004/874, art. 2

129, **^{F50}**
130.

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

131 Prosecutions by local authorities.

(1) A [^{F51}local social services authority] may institute proceedings for any offence under this Part of this Act, but without prejudice to any provision of this Part of this Act requiring the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the institution of such proceedings.

(2) **^{F52}**

Textual Amendments

F51 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), **Sch. 23 para. 9(2)**
F52 Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131(2), 134, 144(2), 146, Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

Miscellaneous provisions

132, **^{F53}**
133.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F53 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

134 **F54**

Textual Amendments

F54 Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131(2), 134, 144(2), 146, Sch. 7 Part II entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

135— **F55**
138.

Textual Amendments

F55 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

139— **Supplemental**
141.

..... **F56**

Textual Amendments

F56 Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

142 **Default powers of Minister.**

- (1) Where the Minister is of opinion, on complaint or otherwise, that a [^{F57}local social services authority] have failed to carry out functions conferred or imposed on the authority by or under this Act or have in carrying out those functions failed to comply with any regulations relating thereto, he may after such inquiry as he thinks fit make an order declaring the authority to be in default.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

- (2) [^{F58}Section 68(4) of the National Health Service Act 2006, and section 28(4) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (which relate] to orders declaring, among others, a local authority to be in default under that Act) shall apply in relation to an order under this section as they apply in relation to an order under that section.

Textual Amendments

- F57** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 23 para. 9\(2\)](#)
F58 Words in [s. 142\(2\)](#) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), [s. 8\(2\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 24](#) (with [Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#))

^{F59}**143 Inquiries.**

.....

Textual Amendments

- F59** [S. 143](#) repealed (7.6.2005) by [Inquiries Act 2005 \(c. 12\)](#), [s. 51\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 5](#), [Sch. 3](#) (with [ss. 44, 50](#)); [S.I. 2005/1432](#), [art. 2](#)

144 Expenses.

- (1) There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament—
(a) any expenses incurred by the Minister or a Secretary of State under this Act;
(b)^{F60}
(c) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under any other enactment.
- (2)^{F61}

Textual Amendments

- F60** [Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144\(1\)\(b\), 145\(2\), 147, 148, 149\(3\)–\(5\), 153](#), [Schs. 1, 3, 5](#), [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: [ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), [U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)
F61 [Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131\(2\), 134, 144\(2\), 146](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)

145 General provisions as to regulations, orders and rules.

- (1) Any power of the Minister ^{F62}... to make regulations, orders or rules under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2)^{F63}

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F62** Words in s. 145 repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 4 para. 51](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2006/1014](#), art. 2(a), [Sch. 1 paras. 11\(e\), 30\(b\)](#)
- F63** Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

146 **F64**

Textual Amendments

- F64** Ss. 44, 77, 78, 131(2), 134, 144(2), 146, [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entry relating to: [Representation of the People Act 1949 \(c. 68\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1982 \(c. 51, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)

147, **F65**
148.

Textual Amendments

- F65** Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

149 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.

(1) The enactments described in the first column of the Seventh Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the second column of that Schedule, being minor amendments and amendments consequential on the foregoing provisions of this Act.

(2) **F66**

(3) **F67**

Textual Amendments

- F66** [S. 149\(2\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. XI](#)
- F67** Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144(1)(b), 145(2), 147, 148, 149(3)–(5), 153, Schs. 1, 3, 5, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#) entry relating to: ss. 48 and 49 of the [Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), [Sch. 7 Part II](#) entries relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** The text of s. 149(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

150 Application to Scotland.

The following provisions of this Act shall extend to Scotland, that is to say—

..... ^{F68}
..... ^{F69}

section one hundred and forty-five so far as applicable to any Order in Council extending to Scotland;

..... ^{F69}
Part II of the Seventh Schedule;
Part II of the Eighth Schedule;

but except as aforesaid, and except so far as it relates to the interpretation or commencement of the said provisions, this Act shall not extend to Scotland.

Textual Amendments

- F68** Words repealed by [House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 \(c. 24\)](#), **Sch. 3**
- F69** Words repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), **Sch. 6**

151 ^{F70}

Textual Amendments

- F70** [S. 151](#) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

152 Application to Northern Ireland.

..... ^{F71}, this Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F71** Words repealed by [S.I. 1986/595 \(N.I. 4\)](#), art. 138, **Sch. 7**

153 ^{F72}

Textual Amendments

- F72** [Ss. 1–5, 10, 22, 25–35, 37–43, 45–60, 62–68, 70–76, 80, 81, 89, 90, 92–96, 99–119, 121–126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 135–141, 144\(1\)\(b\), 145\(2\), 147, 148, 149\(3\)–\(5\), 153](#), Schs. 1, 3, 5, Sch. 7 Pt. I entry relating to: [ss. 48 and 49 of the Fines and Recoveries Act 1983 \(c. 74, SIF 98:3\)](#), **Sch. 7 Part II** entries

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959. (See end of Document for details)

relating to: [Polish Resettlement Act 1947 \(c. 19\)](#), U.S.A. [Veterans' Pensions \(Administration\) Act 1949 \(c. 45\)](#) repealed by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

154 Short title and application to Scilly Isles.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Mental Health Act 1959.
- (2) [^{F73}Section 278(4) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (which provides for the application] of that Act to the Isles of Scilly) shall have effect as if the references to that Act included references to this Act.

Textual Amendments

F73 Words in [s. 154\(2\)](#) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), [s. 8\(2\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 25](#) (with [Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 [S. 154\(2\)](#) extended by [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Act 1975 \(c. 29\)](#), [s. 2\(4\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Health Act 1959.