
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations—

- (a) constitute the Ethics Committee (“the Committee”) referred to in section 51 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (“the Act”) (regulation 2);
- (b) make provision as to the membership, the qualifications of certain members and length of membership of the Committee (regulation 3);
- (c) make provision for the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee (regulation 4);
- (d) make provision for payment by the Scottish Ministers of expenses of members of the Committee (regulation 5);
- (e) specify certain matters which the Committee must consider before approving research (regulation 6); and
- (f) makes certain procedural provision in relation to the conduct of the Committee in particular by—
 - (i) permitting the Committee to consider applications in such manner as it considers appropriate (regulation 7(1)),
 - (ii) providing for quorum arrangements (regulation 7(2)),
 - (iii) providing that a vacancy in membership will not invalidate its proceedings (regulation 7(3)),
 - (iv) permitting the Committee to determine the form of applications (regulation 7(4)),
 - (v) allowing the Committee to call for information from applicants and assistance from others (regulation 7(5)), and
 - (vi) permitting the Committee to remit matters to one or more members for report or recommendation (regulation 7(6)).