

POLICY NOTE

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008 (NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND NOTIFIABLE ORGANISMS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2022

SSI 2022/212

The above instrument was made by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(2) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and all other powers enabling them to do so. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Summary Box

<p>This instrument amends Part 1 and 2 of schedule 1 of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 to add monkeypox to the list of notifiable diseases and to add monkeypox virus to the list of notifiable organisms.</p>
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Policy Objectives

1. The effect of making the Regulations is that they will trigger duties on registered medical practitioners to share information (such as the patient's name, the patient's address and where considered relevant by the practitioner the name and address of the patient's place of work or education) with health boards where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a person they are attending to has monkeypox. This information must then be shared onwards to the Common Services Agency and Public Health Scotland
2. The Regulations will also have the effect if monkeypox virus is identified by a diagnostic laboratory in Scotland, that the director of that laboratory must provide information to the health board in the laboratory's area and to the Common Services Agency and Public Health Scotland.
3. The Regulations are required to be in place in public health interests so that the notification requirements contained in the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") will apply should a case of monkeypox arise in Scotland.

Consultation

4. There has been no public consultation in relation to this instrument. The public health community (Health Protection Scotland and Directors of Public Health) have been consulted on the proposed Regulations and are supportive.

Impact Assessments

5. There is no, or no significant, impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.
6. The impact on the public sector is that relevant bodies providing certain NHS services will have additional duties in respect of sharing information regarding monkeypox with health boards and the Common Services Agency.

7. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has therefore not been prepared in relation to this instrument.

Financial effects

8. The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport confirms that no BRIA is necessary, as the instrument has no, or no significant financial effect on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

Scottish Government
Directorate for Population Health

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