



Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 49

PART II

PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. II extended with modifications by [Guardianship Act 1973 \(c. 29\)](#), [s. 11\(5\)](#)
- C2** Pt. II: power to apply conferred (1.10.2014 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(7\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 8, 14](#)); [S.I. 2014/2473](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(x\)](#); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(x\)\(i\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))
- C3** Pt. II: power to apply conferred (1.10.2014 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(10\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 8, 14](#)); [S.I. 2014/2473](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(x\)](#); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(x\)\(i\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))
- C4** Pt. II excluded (1.4.2015) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 8, 14](#)); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(x\)\(i\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))
- C5** Pt. II excluded (1.4.2015) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 8, 14](#)); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(x\)\(i\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#))
- C6** Pt. II excluded (6.4.2016) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 8, 14](#)); [S.I. 2016/464](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

General

12 General social welfare services of local authorities.

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority to promote social welfare by making available advice, guidance and assistance on such a scale as may be appropriate for their area, and in that behalf to make arrangements and to provide or secure the provision of such facilities (including the provision or arranging for the provision of residential and other establishments) as they may consider suitable and adequate, and such assistance may ^{F1}, subject to subsections (3) to (5) of this section, be given in kind or in cash to, or in respect of, any relevant person..

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- (2) A person is a relevant person for the purposes of this section if, not being less than eighteen years of age, he is] in need requiring assistance in kind or, in exceptional circumstances constituting an emergency, in cash, where the giving of assistance in either form would avoid the local authority being caused greater expense in the giving of assistance in another form, or where probable aggravation of the person's need would cause greater expense to the local authority on a later occasion.
- ^{F2}[(2A) A person to whom section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (exclusion from benefits) applies is not to receive assistance under subsection (1) of this section (whether by way of residential accommodation or otherwise) if his need for assistance has arisen solely—
- (a) because he is destitute; or
 - (b) because of the physical effects, or anticipated physical effects, of his being destitute.
- ^{F2}(2B) Subsections (3) and (5) to (8) of section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to that Act, apply for the purposes of subsection (2A) as they apply for the purposes of that section, but for the references in subsections (5) and (7) of that section and in that paragraph to the Secretary of State substitute references to a local authority.]
- (3) Before giving assistance to, or in respect of, a person in cash under subsection (1) of this section a local authority shall have regard to his eligibility for receiving assistance from any other statutory body and, if he is so eligible, to the availability to him of that assistance in his time of need.
- ^{F3}(3A) In determining, for the purposes of this section, whether to make available assistance by providing, or securing the provision of, residential accommodation to a person, a local authority shall disregard so much of the person's resources—
- (a) as may be prescribed; or
 - (b) as is determined by them in such a way as may be prescribed,
- and any order made by virtue of this subsection may make different provision for different cases and for different persons.
- (3B) An order made by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (3A) of this section may prescribe circumstances in which assistance such as is mentioned in that subsection is to be made available disregarding entirely a person's resources.
- (3C) In subsections (3A) and (3B) of this section, references to a person's resources are to resources within the meaning of the order prescribing the amount, or as the case may be the way, in question.
- (3D) A statutory instrument made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3A) of this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.]
- (4) Assistance given in kind or in cash to, or in respect of, persons under this section may be given unconditionally or subject to such conditions as to the repayment of the assistance, or of its value, whether in whole or in part, as the local authority may consider reasonable having regard to the means of the person receiving the assistance and to the eligibility of the person for assistance from any other statutory body.
- (5) Nothing in the provisions of this section shall affect the performance by a local authority of their functions under any other enactment.

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[^{F4}(6) For the purposes of subsection (2) of this section “person in need” includes a person who is in need of care and attention arising out of drug or alcohol dependency or release from prison or other form of detention.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 12(1)(2) substituted (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(4), **Sch. 4 para. 15(11)** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(6)(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))
- F2** S. 12(2A)(2B) inserted (1.3.2000 for specified purposes and otherwise 3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. **120(1)** (with **Sch. 15 para. 7**); S.I. 2000/464, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F3** S. 12(3A)-(3D) substituted (1.7.2002) for s. 12(3A)(3B) by **Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), s. 3**; S.S.I. 2002/170, **art. 2**
- F4** S. 12(6) inserted (1.4.1991) by **National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), Sch. 9 para. 10(5)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** S. 12 restricted (8.1.2003) by **Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c. 41), s. 54, Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(c)** (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, **art. 2, Sch.**
- C8** S. 12 modified (24.6.2015) by **The Community Care (Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/202), regs. 1(1), 2(2)**
- C9** S. 12(1) modified (prosp.) by **Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), ss. 5(1), 27(2)**
- C10** S. 12(1) modified (11.5.2015 for specified purposes, 24.6.2015 in so far as not already in force) by **Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), ss. 5(1), 27(2)**; S.S.I. 2015/179, **art. 2(1)**

[^{F5}12A **Duty of local authority to assess needs.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to a local authority that any person for whom they are under a duty or have a power to provide, or to secure the provision of, community care services may be in need of any such services, the authority—

(a) shall make an assessment of the needs of that person for those services; and

[^{F6}(b) shall then decide, having regard to the results of that assessment, and taking account—

[^{F7}(i) if an adult carer provides, or intends to provide, care for that person, of the care provided by that carer,

(ia) if a young carer provides, or intends to provide, care for that person, of the care provided by that carer,]

(ii) in so far as it is reasonable and practicable to do so, ^{F8}... of the views of the person whose needs are being assessed ^{F9}... (provided that ^{F10}... there is a wish, or as the case may be a capacity, to express a view),

whether the needs of the person being assessed call for the provision of any such services.]

[In subsection (1)(b)(i) and (ia), the reference to the care provided by a carer means—

^{F11}(1A) (a) in the case of an adult carer who has an adult carer support plan, the information about that care set out in that plan,

(b) in the case of a young carer who has a young carer statement, the information about that care set out in that statement.

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(1B) In—

- (a) assessing the needs of a person for services under subsection (1)(a),
- (b) deciding under subsection (1)(b) whether those needs call for the provision of any services, and
- (c) deciding how any such services are to be provided,

a local authority must take account of the views of the carer, in so far as it is reasonable and practicable to do so.]

(2) Before deciding, under subsection (1)(b) of this section, that the needs of any person call for the provision of nursing care, a local authority shall consult a medical practitioner.

(3) If, while they are carrying out their duty under subsection (1) of this section, it appears to a local authority that there may be a need for the provision to any person to whom that subsection applies—

- (a) of any services under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 by the Health Board—
 - (i) in whose area he is ordinarily resident; or
 - (ii) in whose area the services to be supplied by the local authority are, or are likely, to be provided; or
- (b) of any services which fall within the functions of a housing authority (within the meaning of section 130 (housing) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973) which is not the local authority carrying out the assessment,

the local authority shall so notify that Health Board or housing authority, and shall request information from them as to what services are likely to be made available to that person by that Health Board or housing authority; and, thereafter, in carrying out their said duty, the local authority shall take into account any information received by them in response to that request.

(3A) ^{F12}

(3B) ^{F13}

(3C) ^{F14}

(4) Where a local authority are making an assessment under this section and it appears to them that the person concerned is a disabled person, they shall—

- (a) proceed to make such a decision as to the services he requires as is mentioned in section 4 of the Disabled Persons (Services Consultation and Representation) Act ^{M1} 1986 without his requesting them to do so under that section; and
- (b) inform him that they will be doing so and of his rights under that Act.

(5) Nothing in this section shall prevent a local authority from providing or arranging for the provision of community care services for any person without carrying out a prior assessment of his needs in accordance with the preceding provisions of this section if, in the opinion of the authority, the condition of that person is such that he requires those services as a matter of urgency.

(6) If, by virtue of subsection (5) of this section, community care services have been provided for any person as a matter of urgency, then, as soon as practicable thereafter, an assessment of his needs shall be made in accordance with the preceding provisions of this section.

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(7) This section is without prejudice to section 3 of the said Act of 1986.

(8) In this section—

[^{F15}“adult carer” and “adult carer support plan” have the meanings given by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016,]

[^{F16}“community care services” means services, other than services for children, which a local authority is under a duty or has a power to provide, or to secure the provision of, under—

(a) Part 2 of this Act; or

(b) any of the following provisions of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003—

(i) section 25 (care and support services etc.);

(ii) section 26 (services designed to promote well-being and social development);

(iii) section 27 (assistance with travel);]

“disabled person” has the same meaning as in the said Act of 1986; and
“medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 55 (interpretation) of the Medical Act 1983.]

[^{F17} “person” means a natural person.]

[^{F18}“young carer” and “young carer statement” have the meanings given by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 12A inserted (1.4.1993) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c.19, SIF 113:2\)](#), [s. 55](#); [S.I. 1992/2975](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch.](#)
- F6** S. 12A(1)(b) substituted (1.9.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), [s. 8](#); [S.S.I. 2002/170](#), [art. 2](#)
- F7** S. 12A(1)(b)(i)(ia) substituted for s. 12A(1)(b)(i) (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(2\)\(a\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F8** Word in s. 12A(1)(b)(ii) repealed (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F9** Words in s. 12A(1)(b)(ii) repealed (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F10** Words in s. 12A(1)(b)(ii) repealed (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(2\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F11** S. 12A(1A)(1B) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(3\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F12** S. 12A(3A)-(3C) repealed (1.9.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), [s. 9\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2002/170](#), [art. 2](#)
- F13** S. 12A(3A)-(3C) repealed (1.9.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), [s. 9\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2002/170](#), [art. 2](#)
- F14** S. 12A(3A)-(3C) repealed (1.9.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), [s. 9\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2002/170](#), [art. 2](#)
- F15** Words in s. 12A(8) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), [ss. 30\(4\)\(a\)](#), [45\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2017/152](#), [reg. 4](#)
- F16** Words in s. 12A(8) substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Modifications and Saving\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/157\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [sch. para. 1\(3\)](#)
- F17** S. 12A(8): definition of “person” inserted (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 12](#), [ss. 2\(3\)](#), [5\(2\)](#)

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F18 Words in s. 12A(8) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), **ss. 30(4)(b)**, 45(2); S.S.I. 2017/152, reg. 4

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C11** S. 12A restricted (temp.) (5.4.2020) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 16(1)(2)**, 87(2) (with [ss. 16\(12\)](#), 88-90); S.S.I. 2020/121, **reg. 2(a)** (which amending provision is suspended (30.11.2020) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Suspension: Adult Social Care\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/377\)](#), **regs. 1(1)**, **2(a)**) and which affecting provision expires (25.3.2022) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), **s. 89** (with s. 90))
- C12** S. 12A(1) power to modify conferred (1.4.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), **s. 1(7)**; S.S.I. 2002/170, **art. 2**
- C13** S. 12A(1) modified (1.7.2002) by [The Community Care \(Assessment of Needs\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2002 \(S.S.I. 2002/304\)](#), **art. 2(1)**
- C14** S. 12A(2) power to modify conferred (1.4.2002) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), **s. 1(7)**; S.S.I. 2002/170, **art. 2**
- C15** S. 12A(2) modified (1.7.2002) by [The Community Care \(Assessment of Needs\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2002 \(S.S.I. 2002/304\)](#), **art. 2(1)**

Marginal Citations

M1 1986 c. 33 (113:1).

[^{F19}12AZA] Assessments under section 12A: assistance

- (1) Subsection (4) applies where—
 - (a) a local authority is required by section 12A(1)(a) to carry out an assessment of the needs of a person (the “supported person”) for community care services,
 - (b) it appears to the authority that the supported person falls within subsection (2), and
 - (c) the conditions in subsection (3) are satisfied.
- (2) A supported person falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) because of mental disorder, the supported person would benefit from receiving assistance from another person in relation to the carrying out of the assessment,
 - (b) because of difficulties in communicating due to physical disability, the supported person would benefit from receiving assistance from another person to communicate in relation to the carrying out of the assessment.
- (3) The conditions are—
 - (a) there is no guardian, continuing attorney or welfare attorney with powers as respects the provision of assistance in relation to the carrying out of the assessment, and
 - (b) an intervention order has not been granted as respects the provision of assistance in relation to the carrying out of the assessment.
- (4) The authority must take reasonable steps—
 - (a) to identify persons who are able to assist the supported person, and
 - (b) if the supported person agrees, to involve them in assisting the supported person in relation to the carrying out of the assessment or, as the case may be, communicating in relation to the carrying out of the assessment.
- (5) In this section—

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“the 2000 Act” means the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4),

“continuing attorney”—

(a) means a continuing attorney within the meaning of section 15 of the 2000 Act, and

(b) includes a person granted, under a contract, grant or appointment governed by the law of any country, powers (however expressed) relating to the granter's property or financial affairs and having continuing effect despite the granter's incapacity,

“guardian”—

(a) means a guardian appointed under the 2000 Act, and

(b) includes a guardian (however called) appointed under the law of any country to, or entitled under the law of any country to act for, an adult during the adult's incapacity, if the guardianship is recognised under the law of Scotland,

“intervention order” is to be construed in accordance with section 53 of the 2000 Act,

“mental disorder” has the meaning given by section 328 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 13),

“welfare attorney”—

(a) means a welfare attorney within the meaning of section 16 of the 2000 Act, and

(b) includes a person granted, under a contract, grant or appointment governed by the law of any country, powers (however expressed) relating to the granter's personal welfare and having effect during the granter's incapacity.]

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 12AZA inserted (1.4.2014) by [Social Care \(Self-directed Support\) \(Scotland\) Act 2013 \(asp 1\)](#), ss. 17, 28(2); S.S.I. 2014/32, art. 3

^{F20}12AA Assessment of ability to provide care

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Textual Amendments

F20 S. 12AA repealed (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), s. 45(2), [sch. para. 1\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2017/152, reg. 4

^{F21}12AB Duty of local authority to provide information to carer

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Textual Amendments

F21 S. 12AB repealed (1.4.2018) by [Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 9\)](#), s. 45(2), [sch. para. 1\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2017/152, reg. 4

F22 12B Direct payments in respect of community care services.

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Textual Amendments

F22 S. 12B repealed (1.4.2014) by [Social Care \(Self-directed Support\) \(Scotland\) Act 2013 \(asp 1\)](#), [ss. 25, 28\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2014/32, art. 3 (with art. 5)

F23 12C Further provisions relating to direct payments.

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Textual Amendments

F23 S. 12C repealed (1.4.2014) by [Social Care \(Self-directed Support\) \(Scotland\) Act 2013 \(asp 1\)](#), [ss. 25, 28\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2014/32, art. 3 (with art. 5)

13 Power of local authorities to assist persons in need in disposal of produce of their work.

Where, by virtue of [^{F24}section 12 of this Act], a local authority make arrangements or provide or secure the provision of facilities for the engagement of persons in need (whether under a contract of service or otherwise) in suitable work, that local authority may assist such persons in disposing of the produce of their work.

Textual Amendments

F24 Words in s. 13 substituted (1.4.1997) by [1996 c. 30, s. 5](#); S.I. 1997/756, [art. 2](#)

[^{F25}13ZA Provision of services to incapable adults

(1) Where—

- (a) a local authority have decided under section 12A of this Act that an adult's needs call for the provision of a community care service; and
- (b) it appears to the local authority that the adult is incapable in relation to decisions about the service,

the local authority may take any steps which they consider would help the adult to benefit from the service.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, steps that may be taken by the local authority include moving the adult to residential accommodation provided in pursuance of this Part.

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- (3) The principles set out in subsection (2) to (4) of section 1 of the 2000 Act apply in relation to any steps taken under subsection (1) above as they apply to interventions in the affairs of an adult under or in pursuance of that Act.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not authorise a local authority to take steps if they are aware that—
- (a) there is a guardian or welfare attorney with powers relating to the proposed steps;
 - (b) an intervention order has been granted relating to the proposed steps; or
 - (c) an application has been made (but not yet determined) for an intervention order or guardianship order under Part 6 of the 2000 Act relating to the proposed steps.
- (5) In this section—
- (a) “ the 2000 Act ” means the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4);
 - (b) “ adult ” has the meaning given in section 1(6) of the 2000 Act;
 - (c) “ community care service ” has the meaning given in section 5A of this Act;
 - (d) “ incapable ” has the meaning given in section 1(6) of the 2000 Act;
 - (e) “ intervention order ” is to be construed in accordance with section 53 of the 2000 Act”;
 - (f) the reference to a guardian includes a reference to—
 - (i) a guardian appointed under the 2000 Act; and
 - (ii) a guardian (however called) appointed under the law of any country to, or entitled under the law of any country to act for, an adult during his incapacity, if the guardianship is recognised by the law of Scotland;
 - (g) the reference to a welfare attorney includes a reference to—
 - (i) a welfare attorney within the meaning of section 16 of the 2000 Act; and
 - (ii) a person granted, under a contract, grant or appointment governed by the law of any country, powers (however expressed) relating to the granter's personal welfare and having effect during the granter's incapacity.]

Textual Amendments

F25 S. 13ZA inserted (22.3.2007) by [Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 64, 79(2)**

[^{F26} Residential accommodation with nursing.]

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 13A and crossheading inserted (1.4.1993) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), **s. 56**; [S.I. 1992/2975](#), **art. 2(2)**, **Sch.**

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13A ^{F27} Residential accommodation with nursing.

(1) Without prejudice to section 12 of this Act, a local authority shall

[^{F28}(a) provide and maintain;][^{F29} or]

[^{F30}(b) make such arrangements as they consider appropriate and adequate for the provision of]

suitable residential accommodation where nursing is provided for persons who appear to them to be in need of such accommodation by reason of infirmity, age, illness or mental disorder, dependency on drugs or alcohol or being substantially handicapped by any deformity or disability.

[^{F31}(2) ^{F32} . . . Arrangements made by virtue of subsection (1) above shall be made with a voluntary or other organisation or other person, being an organisation or person providing—

- (a) an independent health care service which is a private psychiatric hospital; or
- (b) a care home service.

[^{F33}(2A) In subsection (2)(a) above, “independent health care service” and “private psychiatric hospital” have the same meanings as in section 10F of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c.29).]

[^{F34}(2B) In subsection (2)(b) above, “care home service” has the same meaning as in paragraph 2 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8).]

(3) The provisions of section 6 of this Act apply in relation to premises where accommodation is provided for the purposes of this section as they apply in relation to establishments provided for the purposes of this Act.

[^{F35}(4) No arrangements under subsection (1) above may be given effect to in relation to a person to whom section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (exclusion from benefits) applies solely—

- (a) because he is destitute; or
- (b) because of the physical effects, or anticipated physical effects, of his being destitute.

[^{F35}(5) Subsections (3) and (5) to (8) of section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to that Act, apply for the purposes of subsection (4) above as they apply for the purposes of that section, but for the references in subsections (5) and (7) of that section and in that paragraph to the Secretary of State substitute references to a local authority.]

Textual Amendments

F27 S. 13A and crossheading inserted (1.4.1993) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 56; S.I. 1992/2975, art. 2(2), [Sch.](#)

F28 S. 13A(1)(a) inserted (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), s. 72(a)(i); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13)

F29 Word in s. 13A(1) inserted (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), s. 72(a)(ii); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13)

F30 Words in s. 13A(1) renumbered (1.4.2002) as s. 13A(1)(b) by virtue of [2001 asp 8](#), s. 72(a)(iii); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13)

F31 S. 13A(2)(A) substituted (1.4.2002) for s. 13A(2) by [2001 asp 8](#), s. 79, [Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13)

F32 Word in s. 13A(2) repealed (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), s. 72(b); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13) and [2002 asp 5](#), s. 25, [Sch. 2 para. 1\(4\)](#); S.S.I. 2002/170, [art. 2](#)

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- F33** S. 13A(2A) substituted (1.4.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/211), art. 1, **sch. 2 para. 1**
- F34** S. 13A(2B) inserted (1.4.2011) by The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/211), art. 1, **sch. 1 para. 3(b)**
- F35** S. 13A(4)(5) inserted (1.3.2000 for specified purposes and otherwise 3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. **120(2)**; S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C16** S. 13A restricted (8.1.2003) by Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c. 41), s. 54, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(c)**; S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2
- C17** S. 13A modified (24.6.2015) by The Community Care (Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/202), regs. 1(1), **2(3)**
- C18** S. 13A(1) modified (prosp.) by Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), **ss. 5(1), 27(2)**
- C19** S. 13A(1) modified (11.5.2015 for specified purposes, 24.6.2015 in so far as not already in force) by Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), **ss. 5(1), 27(2)**; S.S.I. 2015/179, art. 2(1)
- C20** S. 13A(2) excluded (prosp.) by Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), **ss. 5(4), 27(2)**
- C21** S. 13A(2)(3) excluded (24.6.2015) by Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), **ss. 5(4), 27(2)**; S.S.I. 2015/179, art. 2(2)
- C22** S. 13A(3) excluded (prosp.) by Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 5), **ss. 5(4), 27(2)**

F36 Provision of care and after-care

Textual Amendments

- F36** S. 13B and crossheading inserted (1.4.1991) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19, SIF 113:2), s. **56**; S.I. 1990/2510, art. 2, **Sch.**

[13B ^{F37} **Provision of care and after-care**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a local authority may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, and shall, if and to the extent that the Secretary of State so directs, make arrangements for the purpose of the prevention of illness, the care of persons suffering from illness and the after-care of such persons.
- (2) The arrangements which may be made under subsection (1) above do not include arrangements in respect of medical, dental or nursing care, or health visiting.]
- [^{F38}(3) No arrangements under subsection (1) above may be given effect to in relation to a person to whom section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (exclusion from benefits) applies solely—
- (a) because he is destitute; or
- (b) because of the physical effects, or anticipated physical effects, of his being destitute.
- ^{F38}(4) Subsections (3) and (5) to (8) of section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to that Act, apply for the purposes of subsection (3) above as they apply for the purposes of that section, but for the references in

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subsections (5) and (7) of that section and in that paragraph to the Secretary of State substitute references to a local authority.]

Textual Amendments

- F37** S. 13B and crossheading inserted (1.4.1991) by National Health Service and Community care Act 1990 (c.19, SIF 113:2), s. 56; [S.I. 1990/2510, art. 2, Sch.](#)
- F38** S. 13B(3)(4) inserted (1.3.2000 for specified purposes and otherwise 3.4.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 120\(3\); S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Home help

14 Home help and laundry facilities.

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority to provide on such scale as is adequate for the needs of their area, or to arrange for the provision on such a scale as is so adequate of, [^{F39}home help][^{F39}domiciliary services] for households where such [^{F40}help is][^{F40}services are] required owing to the presence, or the proposed presence, of a person in need or a person who is an expectant mother or lying-in, and every such authority shall have power to provide or arrange for the provision of laundry facilities for households for which [^{F41}home help is][^{F41}domiciliary services are] being, or can be, provided under this subsection.
- (2) ^{F42}
- (3) ^{F43}
- (4) On the coming into operation of the provisions of this and the last two foregoing sections, the provisions of sections 13, 44 and 45 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 ^{M2} shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F39** Words “domiciliary services” substituted (1.4.1991) for “home help” by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\), s. 66\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 10\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- F40** Words “services are” substituted (1.4.1991) for “help is” by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\), s. 66\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 10\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- F41** Words “domiciliary services are” substituted (1.4.1991) for “home help is” by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\), s. 66\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 10\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- F42** S. 14(2) repealed by [Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 \(c. 41, SIF 113:3\), Sch. 10 Pt. I](#)
- F43** S. 14(3) repealed by [National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1972 \(c. 58, SIF 113:3\), Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C23** The text of ss. 2(4), 3(9), 14(4), 27(7), 95(2), Sch. 2 Pt. II paras. 7, 18, Sch. 8 paras. 6, 7(1)(3), 8–16, 32–34, 37–43, 60, 68, 73, Sch. 9 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.

Marginal Citations

- M2** [1968 c. 46.](#)

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Special provisions as to the care of children in need

^{F44}15

Textual Amendments

F44 S. 15 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F45}16

Textual Amendments

F45 S. 16 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 4); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F46}16A

Textual Amendments

F46 S. 16A repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)**

^{F47}17

Textual Amendments

F47 S. 17 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F48}17A

Textual Amendments

F48 S. 17A repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F49}17B

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Textual Amendments

F49 S. 17B repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F50} **17C**

Textual Amendments

F50 S. 17C repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F51} **17D**

Textual Amendments

F51 S. 17D repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F52} **17E**

Textual Amendments

F52 S. 17E repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), Sch. 3 para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F53} **18**

Textual Amendments

F53 S. 18 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F54} **18A**

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Textual Amendments

F54 S. 18A repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)**

19 ^{F55}

Textual Amendments

F55 S. 19 repealed by Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 56, SIF 20), s. 22, **Sch. 3** and expressed to be repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)**

^{F56}**20**

Textual Amendments

F56 S. 20 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with savings in ss. 103(1), 105(3), **Sch. 3** para. 6); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F57}**20A**

Textual Amendments

F57 S. 20A repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F58}**21**

Textual Amendments

F58 S. 21 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

^{F59}**22**

Textual Amendments

F59 S. 22 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

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F60 **23**

Textual Amendments

F60 S. 23 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, ss. 28, 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F61 **24**

Textual Amendments

F61 S. 24 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F62 **25**

Textual Amendments

F62 S. 25 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, ss. 30(4), 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F63 **25A**

Textual Amendments

F63 S. 25A repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F64 **26**

Textual Amendments

F64 S. 26 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(5), **Sch. 5** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

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Supervision and care of persons put on probation or released from prisons etc.

27 Supervision and care of persons put on probation or released from prisons etc.

(1) ^{F65}It shall be a function of every local authority under this Part of this Act to provide a service for the following purposes, that is to say—

(a) making available to any court such social background reports and other reports relating to persons appearing before the court which the court may require for the disposal of a case

^{F66}(aa) making available to any children’s hearing such reports relating to persons aged 16 and 17 years in relation to the commission of an offence, as the hearing may require for the disposal of a case;]

^{F67}(ab) making available to any procurator fiscal or the Lord Advocate such reports as the procurator fiscal or the Lord Advocate may request in relation to persons who are charged with an offence;]

^{F68}(ac) the provision of advice, guidance and assistance for persons who are in prison or subject to any other form of detention and who—

(i) resided in their area immediately prior to such imprisonment or detention; or

(ii) intend to reside in their area on release from such imprisonment or detention,

and who on release from such imprisonment or detention, it appears to the local authority, will be required to be under supervision under any enactment or by the terms of an order or licence of the Scottish Ministers or of a condition or requirement imposed in pursuance of an enactment;]

^{F69}(ad) making available, for the purposes of parenting orders under section 13 or 102 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), such services as are required to enable requirements imposed by or under such orders to be carried out in respect of persons in their area;]

^{F70}(ae) making available to the Scottish Ministers such background and other reports as the Scottish Ministers may request in relation to the exercise of their functions under Part 1 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (c. 9);]

(b) the supervision of, and the provision of advice, guidance and assistance for—

(i) persons in their area who are under supervision by order of a court made in exercise of its criminal jurisdiction by virtue of any enactment, and

(ii) persons in their area who, following on release from prison or any other form of detention, are required to be under supervision under any enactment or by the terms of an order or licence of the Secretary of State or of a condition or requirement imposed in pursuance of any enactment ^{F71}and]

^{F71}(iii) without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, persons in the area who are subject to a ^{F72}community payback order imposed under section 227A or 227M of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 imposing an unpaid work or other activity requirement]].

^{F73}^{F74}(iv)]

^{F75}(v) without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, persons in their area who are subject to a supervision and treatment order made under section 57(2)(d) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995;]

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- ^{F76}[^{F77}(va)
- (vb) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (i) above, persons in their area who are under 16 years of age and subject to restriction of liberty orders under section 245A of the said Act of 1995;]
- ^{F78}(vi) persons in their area aged 16 and 17 years who are subject to a [^{F79} compulsory supervision order made by virtue of the ground mentioned in section 67(2)(j) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1);]
- ^{F80}(vii) persons in their area who are charged with, but not prosecuted for, any offence and are referred to the local authority by the procurator fiscal or the Lord Advocate; ^{F81} ...
- [^{F82}(viii) persons in their area who are subject to work orders under section 303ZA(6) of the said Act of 1995;]
- [^{F83}(c) the provision of advice, guidance and assistance for persons in their area who, within 12 months of their release from prison or any other form of detention, request such advice, guidance or assistance.]
- [^{F84}(1A) A local authority may provide advice, guidance or assistance for any person who—
- (a) would fall to be provided for under paragraph (ac) of subsection (1) above but for the fact that it appears to the local authority that he will not be required to be under any form of supervision on release as mentioned in that paragraph; and
- (b) requests such advice, guidance or assistance.
- (1B) Where as respects any person more than one local authority is required by paragraph (ac) of subsection (1) to make such provision as is mentioned in that paragraph, they may agree between themselves that only one of them shall do so; and where there is such agreement the paragraph shall apply accordingly.]
- [^{F85}(1C) In paragraphs (ac) and (b)(i) and (ii) of subsection (1) above, “enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament.
- (1D) The Scottish Ministers may by order amend subsection (1) above so as (any or all)—
- (a) to add to the functions for the time being described;
- (b) to omit any of those functions;
- (c) to alter any of those functions.]
- (2) For the purposes of [^{F86} subsection (1) above] every local authority shall, ^{F87} ..., prepare a scheme (hereinafter referred to as a [^{F88} community justice][^{F89} scheme]) and submit it by such date, as he may require, to the Secretary of State for his approval.
- (3) A [^{F90} community justice][^{F89} scheme] shall make provision with regard to the following matters—
- (a) the manner in which any report requested by the court from the local authority is to be prepared and submitted to the court;
- [^{F91}(aa) the matters to be included in such a report;]
- (b) arrangements for the attendance of officers of the local authority at the court;
- (c) arrangements for the co-operation of the local authorities with the courts, and such arrangements may include the appointment of one or more sheriffs having jurisdiction in their areas to [^{F92}a committee or sub-committee of such authorities];

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- (d) arrangements for the keeping of adequate records and statistics regarding the performance of functions under this section; and
 - (e) such other matters as the local authority considers relevant to the service to be provided.
- (4) The Secretary of State may approve a [^{F93}community justice][^{F89}scheme] with or without modifications.
- (5) A local authority may apply to the Secretary of State for the revision of a [^{F94}community justice][^{F89}scheme] and, if the Secretary of State so requires, shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of State for his approval a revised scheme or a modification of an existing scheme.
- [^{F95}(5A) Before including in a community justice scheme which is made, revised or modified under this section provision for the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(va) [^{F96}or (viii)], a local authority shall consult such persons or class or classes of person as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations prescribe.
- (5B) The Scottish Ministers may give local authorities directions in writing as to the content of community justice schemes; and authorities shall comply with any such directions.
- (5C) The power conferred by subsection (5B) above to give a direction shall include power to vary or revoke the direction.]
- (6) Any function required by any enactment to be performed by a probation officer shall, after the coming into operation of this Part of this Act, be performed by an officer of the appropriate local authority.
- (7) Section 11 of and Schedule 3 to the ^{M3} Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1949 (administrative provisions as to probation) shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F65** Word in s. 27(1) substituted (31.3.2017) by Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 10), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(2)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F66** S. 27(1)(aa) inserted after paragraph (a) (1.8.1997) by 1997 c. 48, s. 32(a); S.I. 1997/1712, art. 3, **Sch.**
- F67** S. 27(1)(ab) inserted after paragraph (a) (1.8.1997) by 1997 c. 48, s. 32(b); S.I. 1997/1712, art. 3, **Sch.**
- F68** S. 27(1)(ac) inserted (27.6.2003) by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 7), **ss. 71(2)**, 89(2); S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, sch.
- F69** S. 27(1)(ad) inserted (4.4.2005) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(a)(i)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 5
- F70** S. 27(1)(ae) inserted (8.2.2006) by Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14), **ss. 21(1)(a)(ii)**, 24(2); S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(1), sch. Pt. 1
- F71** Word and s. 27(1)(b)(iii) added by Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 49, SIF 39:1), **Sch. 2 para. 1(a)**
- F72** Words in s. 27(1)(b)(iii) substituted (1.2.2011) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), s. 206(1), **sch. 2 para. 31(2)(a)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch. (with art. 3(1))
- F73** S. 27(1)(b)(iv) repealed (1.2.2011) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), s. 206(1), **sch. 2 para. 31(2)(b)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch. (with art. 3(1))
- F74** S. 27(1)(b)(iv) and the word “; and” immediately preceding it inserted (1.4.1991) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 39:1), s. 62(5), **Sch. 6 para. 8(a)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F75** S. 27(1)(b)(v) inserted after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b) (1.8.1997) by 1997 c. 48, s. 32(c); S.I. 1997/1712, art. 3, **Sch.**

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- F76** S. 27(1)(b) (va) repealed (1.2.2011) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), s. 206(1), **sch. 2 para. 31(2)(b)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, sch. (with art. 3(1))
- F77** S. 27(1)(b)(va)(vb) inserted (28.10.2004 for specified purposes, 4.4.2005 in so far as not already in force) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(a)(ii)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1, sch. 5
- F78** S. 27(1)(b)(vi) inserted after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b) (1.8.1997) by 1997 c. 48, s. **32(d)**; S.I. 1997/1712, art. 3, **Sch.**
- F79** Words in s. 27(1)(b)(vi) substituted (24.6.2013) by The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Modification of Primary Legislation) Order 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/211), art. 1, **sch. 1 para. 1(8)**
- F80** S. 27(1)(b)(vii) inserted after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b) (1.8.1997) by 1997 c. 48, s. **32(e)**; S.I. 1997/1712, art. 3, **Sch.**
- F81** Word in s. 27(1)(b) repealed (2.6.2008 for specified purposes, 1.4.2011 for specified purposes) by Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 6), s. 84(1), **sch. para. 3(a)(i)**; S.S.I. 2008/192, art. 3, sch.; S.S.I. 2011/188, art. 2
- F82** S. 27(1)(b)(viii) inserted (2.6.2008 for specified purposes, 1.4.2011 for specified purposes) by Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 6), s. 84(1), **sch. para. 3(a)(ii)**; S.S.I. 2008/192, art. 3, sch.; S.S.I. 2011/188, art. 2
- F83** S. 27(1)(c) and the word “; and” immediately preceding it added (1.4.1991) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 39:1), s. **61(4)(a)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F84** S. 27(1A) (1B) inserted (27.6.2003) by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 7), **ss. 71(3)**, 89(2); S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, sch.
- F85** S. 27(1C)(1D) inserted (8.2.2006) by Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14), **ss. 21(1)(b)**, 24(2); S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(1), sch. Pt. 1
- F86** Words in s. 27(2) substituted (8.2.2006) by Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14), **ss. 21(1)(c)**, 24(2); S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(1), sch. Pt. 1
- F87** Words in s. 27(2) repealed (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 5**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F88** Words in s. 27(2) substituted (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(b)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F89** Words in s. 27(4) substituted (1.4.1991) by virtue of Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 39:1), s. 62(5), **Sch. 6 para. 8(b)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F90** Words in s. 27(3) substituted (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(b)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F91** S. 27(3)(aa) inserted (1.4.1991) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 39:1), s. **61(4)(b)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F92** Words in s. 27(3)(c) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 76(9)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(b)(c)**
- F93** Words in s. 27(4) substituted (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(b)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F94** Words in s. 27(5) substituted (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(b)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F95** S. 27(5A)-(5C) inserted (28.10.2004) by Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 8), s. 145(2), **sch. 4 para. 1(c)**; S.S.I. 2004/420, art. 3, sch. 1
- F96** Words in s. 27(5A) inserted (2.6.2008 for specified purposes, 1.4.2011 for specified purposes) by Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 6), s. 84(1), **sch. para. 3(c)**; S.S.I. 2008/192, art. 3, sch.; S.S.I. 2011/188, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C24** The text of ss. 2(4), 3(9), 14(4), 27(7), 95(2), Sch. 2 Pt. II paras. 7, 18, Sch. 8 paras. 6, 7(1)(3), 8–16, 32–34, 37–43, 60, 68, 73, Sch. 9 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.

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[^{F97}27ZA Advice, guidance and assistance to persons arrested or on whom sentence deferred

- (1) It shall be a function of a local authority, if and to such extent as the Scottish Ministers so direct and in accordance with the direction, to provide, directly or indirectly, advice, guidance and assistance to any person (and in particular to any person who appears to the local authority to have dependency problems)—
 - (a) who is arrested and detained in police custody in their area, but only during the period of such detention; or
 - (b) on whom sentence is deferred under section 202(1) of the 1995 Act, but only during the period of deferment and while that person is in their area.
- (2) The function mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above may continue to be exercised by the local authority while the person is in their area for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of his release from police custody.
- (3) In subsection (1) above, “ dependency problems ” means problems relating to a dependency on drugs, alcohol or some other substance.]

Textual Amendments

F97 S. 27ZA inserted (27.6.2003) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 7\)](#), **ss. 71(4)**, 89(2); S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, sch.

[^{F98}27A Grants in respect of community service facilities

[^{F99}(1) [^{F100}The Scottish Ministers may make a grant to a local authority of such amount as the Scottish Ministers may determine in respect of expenditure incurred by that local authority in providing a relevant service.]

- (1A) In subsection (1) above, a “relevant service” means a service—
 - (a) for the purposes mentioned in section 27(1) [^{F101}or 27ZA] of this Act;
 - ^{F102}(b)
 - (c) for such other similar purposes as the Scottish Ministers may prescribe.

(1B) Any grant made under, or paid by virtue of, subsection (1) above is subject to such conditions as the Scottish Ministers may determine.]

[In a case where two or more local authorities are discharging any function mentioned ^{F103}(1A) in section 27(1) or 27ZA of this Act jointly, whether or not in accordance with arrangements made under section 56(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65), the power of the Scottish Ministers to make grants under subsection (1) above in respect of expenditure incurred for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection includes a power to make such grants, on such conditions as are mentioned in that subsection, to a local authority nominated by the local authorities from among their number.]

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[^{F104}(2) Before exercising his power under subsection [^{F105}(1A)(c)] above the Secretary of State shall consult local authorities and such other bodies as he considers appropriate.]]

Textual Amendments

- F98** S. 27A inserted by Community Service by [Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(c. 49, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 9**
- F99** S. 27A(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 27A(1) (3.4.2006) by [Management of Offenders etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 14\)](#), **ss. 21(2)(a)**, 24(2); S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(2), sch. pt. 2
- F100** S. 27A(1) substituted (31.3.2017) by [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 10\)](#), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(3)(a)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F101** Words in s. 27A(1A)(a) inserted (31.3.2017) by [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 10\)](#), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(3)(b)(i)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F102** S. 27A(1A)(b) repealed (31.3.2017) by [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 10\)](#), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(3)(b)(ii)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F103** S. 27A(1A) beginning with the words "In a case where two or more local authorities" inserted (27.6.2003) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 7\)](#), **ss. 72**, 89(2); S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, sch.
- F104** S. 27A(2) substituted (1.4.1991) for words by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1990 \(c. 40, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 61(5)(b)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F105** Word in s. 27A(2) substituted (31.3.2017) by [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 10\)](#), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(3)(c)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.

[^{F106}27B Grants in respect of hostel accommodation for persons under supervision.

[The Scottish Ministers may make a grant to a local authority of such amount as the
^{F107}[^{F108}(1) Scottish Ministers may determine in respect of relevant expenditure.]

(1A) In subsection (1) above, “relevant expenditure” means expenditure incurred by, ^{F109}... that local authority in—

- (a) providing; or
- (b) contributing by way of grant under section 10(3) of this Act to the provision by a voluntary organisation of,

residential accommodation wholly or mainly for the persons mentioned in subsection (2) below.

(1B) Any grant made under, or paid by virtue of, subsection (1) above is subject to such conditions as the Scottish Ministers may determine.]

[^{F110}(2) The persons referred to in [^{F111}subsection (1A)] above are—

- (a) persons mentioned in section 27(1)(b)(i) and (ii) of this Act;
- (b) persons who have been charged with an offence and are on bail;
- (c) persons who have been released from prison or any other form of detention but do not fall within section 27(1)(b)(ii) of this Act; and
- (d) such other classes of persons as the Secretary of State may prescribe.

(3) Before exercising his power under subsection (2)(d) above the Secretary of State shall consult local authorities and such other persons as he considers appropriate.]]

Textual Amendments

- F106** S. 27B inserted by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 62, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 79**

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- F107** S. 27B(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 27B(1) (3.4.2006) by Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14), **ss. 21(3)(a), 24(2)**; S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(2), **sch. pt. 2**
- F108** S. 27B(1) substituted (31.3.2017) by Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 10), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(4)(a)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F109** Words in s. 27B(1A) repealed (31.3.2017) by Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 10), s. 41(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(4)(b)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(1)(2), sch.
- F110** S. 27B(2)(3) substituted for words (1.4.1991) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 39:1), **s. 61(6)(b)**; S.I. 1991/850, art. 3, **Schedule**
- F111** Words in s. 27B(2) substituted (3.4.2006) by Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14), **ss. 21(3)(b), 24(2)**; S.S.I. 2006/48, art. 3(2), sch. pt. 2

Ancillary

^{F112}28 Burial or cremation of the dead.

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Textual Amendments

- F112** S. 28 repealed (4.4.2019) by Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 20), s. 112(2), **sch. 2** (with s. 111); S.S.I. 2018/380, reg. 2, sch. (with reg. 8)

29 Power of local authority to defray [^{F113}certain travelling expenses].

- (1) A local authority may make payments to any parent, relative or other person connected with [^{F114}—
 - (a) a person, other than a child, in the care of the authority or receiving assistance from the authority; or
 - (b) a child who is being looked after by the authority,in respect] of travelling, subsistence or other expenses incurred by the parent, relative or other person in visiting the person [^{F115}or child], if it appears to the authority that the parent, relative or other person would not otherwise be able to visit [^{F116}him] without undue hardship and that the circumstances warrant the making of the payments.

[^{F117}(1A) In subsection (1), “child” has the meaning given by section 93(2)(a) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

(1B) In subsection (1), the reference to a child who is “looked after” by a local authority is to be construed in accordance with section 17(6) of that Act of 1995.]

^{F118}(2)

^{F118}(3)

Textual Amendments

- F113** Words in s. 29 heading substituted (4.4.2019) by Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 20), s. 112(2), **sch. 1 para. 1(a)** (with s. 111); S.S.I. 2018/380, reg. 2, sch. (with reg. 8)
- F114** Words in s. 29(1) substituted (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(4), **Sch. 4 para. 15(13)(a)(i)** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(6)(7)** (which said art.

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3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**)

F115 Words in s. 29(1) inserted (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(4), **Sch. 4 para. 15(13)(a)(ii)** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(6)(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F116 Word in s. 29(1) substituted (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(4), **Sch. 4 para. 15(13)(a)(iii)** (with s. 103(1)); S.I. 1996/3201, **art. 3(6)(7)** (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/744, **art. 2** (with transitional provisions inserted into S.I. 1996/3201 by **art. 3**))

F117 S. 29(1A)(1B) inserted (4.4.2019) by Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 20), s. 112(2), **sch. 1 para. 1(b)** (with s. 111); S.S.I. 2018/380, reg. 2, sch. (with reg. 8)

F118 S. 29(2)(3) repealed (4.4.2019) by Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 20), s. 112(2), **sch. 2** (with s. 111); S.S.I. 2018/380, reg. 2, sch. (with reg. 8)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C25 S. 29 applied by Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:2), **s. 413(3)** as substituted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 41, SIF 39:1), **s. 59(3)**

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