



Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 49

PART II

PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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

[^{F1}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

- F1** 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.

Changes to legislation:

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, Section 27ZA is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. [View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act power to modify conferred by 1995 c. 36, s. 33A (as inserted) by [2024 asp 5 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- Act power to modify conferred by 2010 asp 8, s. 190(2A) (as substituted) by [2024 asp 5 s. 29\(2\)\(b\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 27(1)(b)(vb) word substituted by [2024 asp 5 Sch. para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 27(1)(za) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 29(3)(j) repealed by [2005 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 1](#)
- s. 61B inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 36](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 36 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 62(3)(d) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 38 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 64A(1)(e) and word inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 10 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 87A inserted by [2007 asp 10 s. 66](#)