



# Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000

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## *Sex education and medical matters*

### **56 Guidance to education authorities as to manner of conducting sex education**

The Scottish Ministers may, as respects education about sexual matters which is provided by education authorities in the schools managed by them, issue guidance to those authorities as to the manner in which such education should be conducted; and education authorities shall, in discharging their functions as respects the provision of such education in those schools, have regard to such guidance.

### **57 Consent of child to medical procedures**

After section 131 of the 1980 Act there shall be inserted—

#### **“131A Consent of child to medical procedures**

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall prejudice any capacity of a child enjoyed by virtue of section 2(4) of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c.50) (capacity of child with sufficient understanding to consent to surgical, medical or dental procedure or treatment); and without prejudice to that generality, where under or by virtue of this Act a child is required to submit, or to be submitted, to any medical or dental examination, inspection or treatment but the child has the capacity mentioned in the said section 2(4), the examination, inspection or treatment shall only be carried out if the child consents.
- (2) In subsection (1) above, without prejudice to the generality of the expression in question, “medical examination” includes an examination under section 58 of this Act and “medical treatment” includes cleansing under that section.”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000, Cross Heading: Sex education and medical matters.