

## Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000

Sex education and medical matters

## 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.".