

## Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

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- (1) In section 20(2)(aa)(vi) of the 1987 Act (which provides that no account is to be taken, in the allocation of housing, of whether the applicant is resident in the area of a local authority or registered social landlord if the applicant runs the risk of domestic violence), for "violence" substitute "abuse".
- (2) In section 24(3) of that Act (circumstances in which a person with accommodation is homeless)—
  - (a) in paragraph (b), for the words from "violence", in the first place where it occurs, to the end substitute "abuse (within the meaning of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 14)),",
  - (b) in paragraph (bb), for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) substitute "abuse (within the meaning of that Act)".
- (3) In section 33 of that Act (referral of applications from homeless persons to another local authority)—
  - (a) in subsection (2)(c), for "violence" substitute "abuse",
  - (b) in subsection (3)—
    - (i) for "violence" in the first and third places where it occurs substitute "abuse",
    - (ii) for "violence" in the second place where it occurs substitute "abuse (within the meaning of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 14))",
    - (iii) paragraph (b) and the word "or" immediately preceding it are repealed.