

*These notes relate to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)
Act 2003 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2003*

MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 18 – Miscellaneous

Advance statements: effect

Section 278: duty to mitigate adverse effects of compulsory measures on parental relations

547. **Section 278** requires any person having functions under the 2003 Act to take all reasonable steps to reduce any adverse effect on the relationship between a child and a person having parental responsibilities for that child, where either the child or that person is made subject to measures authorised by the 2003 Act or, in consequence of his or her mental disorder, by the 1995 Act.