



# Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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### PART 15

#### PRELIMINARY DUTIES ON MAKING OF ORDERS ETC.

##### *Social circumstances reports*

#### **231 Social circumstances report: mental health officer's duties**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, where a relevant event occurs in respect of a patient, the mental health officer shall, before the expiry of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the event occurs—
  - (a) prepare in respect of the patient a social circumstances report; and
  - (b) send a copy of the report to—
    - (i) the patient's responsible medical officer; and
    - (ii) the Commission.
- (2) If in any case the mental health officer considers that a social circumstances report would serve little, or no, practical purpose, the mental health officer—
  - (a) need not comply with subsection (1) above; but
  - (b) shall, before the expiry of the period mentioned in that subsection—
    - (i) record the reasons for deciding that any such report would serve little, or no, practical purpose; and
    - (ii) send a statement of those reasons to the patient's responsible medical officer and to the Commission.
- (3) In this section, "social circumstances report" means a report setting out such information as may be prescribed by regulations.