

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 12 – Children's Hearings: General

Children's advocacy services

Section 122 - Children's advocacy services

180. This section provides that where a Children's Hearing is being held under the Act, the chairing member is under a duty to inform the child of the availability of children's advocacy services. Subsection (4) enables the Scottish Ministers to make regulations to make provision for or in connection with the provision of children's advocacy services, qualifications to be held by, training of, and the payment of expenses, fees and allowances to, persons providing the children's advocacy service. Such regulations will be subject to affirmative procedure. Subsection (5) provides that Ministers may enter into contracts with any person other than a local authority, CHS or SCRA to provide children's advocacy services. "Children's advocacy services" is defined in subsection (7).