

*These notes relate to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act
2011 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 6 January 2011*

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 – General Considerations

General considerations

Section 25 – Welfare of the child

27. This section is based on section 16(1) of the 1995 Act and links decisions of courts, Children's Hearings and Pre-hearing Panels to an overarching welfare principle in relation to the child. When arriving at a decision about a matter relating to a child under the Act, the Children's Hearing, Pre-hearing Panel or court must, as their paramount consideration, have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the child's welfare throughout childhood.