

*These notes relate to the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 31 March 2011*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 21: Powers of the Scottish Ministers

69. This section means that the ministerial powers available under sections 76 to 78A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 will also be available to the Scottish Ministers in the context of the Act. Sections 76 to 78A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 relate to powers of inquiry, and default and emergency powers which are available to the Scottish Ministers, for example, where they consider that a Health Board (or other relevant body) is not adequately fulfilling its functions.