



# Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 36

An Act to consolidate the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960. [12th July 1984]

<sup>X1F1F2</sup>Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Editorial Information

- X1** A Table showing the derivation of the provisions of this consolidation Act will be found at the end of the Act. The Table has no official status.

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- F1** Act (except ss. 10(1)(b)(c)(2), 95) repealed (S.) (5.10.2005) by [Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 13\)](#), s. 333(2), [sch. 5 Pt. 1](#) (as amended by [S.S.I. 2005/465](#), art. 1, sch. 1 para. 32(28) and with savings and transitional provisions in [S.S.I. 2005/452](#)); [S.S.I. 2005/161](#), art. 3 (as substituted (1.7.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/375](#), art. 2 and as amended (22.9.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/459](#), art. 2)
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### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified by [Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 \(c. 47, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. para. 5\(3\)](#)
- C2** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c.53, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 101(1), [Sch. 12 para. 23](#); [S.I. 1991/2208](#), art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s.70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by [S.I. 1992/333](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#)) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Act wholly in force at 30.9.1984 see s. 130

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### **F1F28** Provision of after-care services.

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### **F1F29** Appointment of mental health officers.

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## **[<sup>F1</sup>10 Welfare of certain hospital patients.**

- (1) The provisions of this section shall apply to any patient suffering from mental disorder who is—
- <sup>F3</sup>(a) .....
  - <sup>F3</sup>(aa) .....
  - (b) a person who is under the guardianship of a local authority under <sup>F4</sup>... the provisions of the <sup>M1</sup>Mental Health Act 1983; or
  - (c) a person the functions of whose nearest relative <sup>F5</sup>... under the Mental Health Act 1983 are for the time being transferred to a local authority.
- (2) Where [<sup>F6</sup>, in Scotland, a patient to whom this section applies is (whether for treatment for mental disorder or for any other reason) admitted to any hospital or to accommodation provided by a care home service] then, without prejudice to their duties in relation to the patient apart from the provisions of this section, the authority having rights or functions in relation to him as aforesaid shall arrange for visits to be made to him on their behalf, and shall take such other steps in relation to the patient while in the hospital or [<sup>F7</sup>accommodation] as would be expected of a parent.]

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- F6** Words in s. 10(2) substituted (S.) (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8](#), ss. 79, 81(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.S.I. 2002/162, [art. 2\(f\)\(h\)](#) (subject to [arts. 3-13](#))
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### **Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1983 c. 20.

## **[<sup>F1F2</sup>11 The training and occupation of the mentally handicapped.**

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F1F2<sup>94</sup> **Powers of managers in relation to property of patients.**  
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**95 Reciprocal arrangements in relation to Northern Ireland as to exercise of powers.**

- (1) Where a curator bonis, tutor [F<sup>8</sup>, guardian] or judicial factor has been appointed under the law in force in Scotland for any person suffering from mental disorder, the provisions of that law shall apply in relation to the property and affairs of that person in Northern Ireland unless [F<sup>9</sup> he is a patient in relation to whom powers have been exercised under Part VIII of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, or a person as to whom powers are exercisable and have been exercised under Article 97(2) of that Order].
- (2) [F<sup>10</sup>Part VIII of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 shall apply in relation to the property and affairs in Scotland of a patient in relation to whom powers have been exercised under that Part, or a person as to whom powers are exercisable and have been exercised under Article 97(2) of that Order, as it applies in relation to his property and affairs in Northern Ireland] unless a curator bonis, tutor [F<sup>11</sup>, guardian] or judicial factor has been appointed for him in Scotland.

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(3) In this section references to property do not include references to land or interests in land:

Provided that this subsection shall not prevent the receipt of rent or other income arising from land or interests in land.

**Textual Amendments**

- F8** Word in s. 95(1) inserted (1.10.2003) by Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4), s. 89(2), **sch. 5 para. 17(23)(a)**; S.S.I. 2003/267, art. 2(2)(d)
- F9** Words substituted by S.I. 1986/596, **art. 3(16)**
- F10** Words substituted by S.I. 1986/596, **art. 3(17)**
- F11** Word in s. 95(2) inserted (1.10.2003) by Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 4), s. 89(2), **sch. 5 para. 17(23)(b)**; S.S.I. 2003/267, art. 2(2)(d)

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## <sup>F1F2</sup>122 Protection for acts done in pursuance of this Act.

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## [<sup>F1</sup>130 Short title and commencement.

This Act may be cited as the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 and shall come into force on 30th September 1984.]

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- s. 7(4) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(4\)](#) (S. 46 is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 8(5) substituted by [2002 c. 41 s. 46\(5\)](#) (S. 46 is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 55(3) words substituted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 17\(22\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 17(22) repealed (5.10.2005) without ever being in force by 2003 asp 13, ss. 331(2), 333(3), Sch. 5 Pt. 1; S.I. 2005/161, art. 3)
- s. 125(1) words inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 17\(24\)\(b\)](#)
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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 9](#)(replacing 1968 c 20 s. 23) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (31.3.2005) without ever being in force by 2004 c. 28, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(i))
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**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 13(1)(aa) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(4\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1604 art. 2](#) commences (2005 c. 4)