

## PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

#### Forensic Medical Services (Modification of functions of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Supplemental Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Modification of functions of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Supplemental Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

#### *Purpose*

2. To make technical amendments to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The amendments ensure that relevant Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) functions extend to forensic medical services in respect of victims of rape and sexual assault (as set out in the FMS Act). The instrument also ensures health boards extend their quality of care requirements to services under the FMS Act.

#### *Consideration by committee*

3. At its meeting on 1 March 2022, the Health Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 2 March 2022.

#### Forensic Medical Services (Self-Referral Evidence Retention Period) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)

4. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Self-Referral Evidence Retention Period) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

#### *Purpose*

5. To set the length of time that evidence, such as biological samples, collected during a self-referral Forensic Medical Examination (FME) and stored by health boards, will be retained (26 months). This is referred to as the “retention period”. After the retention period has expired, health boards must destroy the evidence.

#### *Consideration by committee*

6. At its meeting on 1 March 2022, the Health Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 2 March 2022.

**Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)**

7. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

8. To add the Scottish public authorities listed in the Annex to schedule 7 (debt) and schedule 8 (fraud) of the Digital Economy Act 2017. This provides a legal means for them to share information with other listed public authorities for the purposes of reducing debt owed to, and combatting fraud against, the public sector.

*Consideration by committee*

9. At its meeting on 2 March 2022, the Economy and Fair Work Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 3 March 2022.

**Decision**

10. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motions will be lodged.**

11. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.**

**Parliamentary Business Team  
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