

Public task statement

Re-use of Public Sector Information Public Task Statement 2016

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland

This statement describes the Mental Welfare Commission's Public Task for the purposes of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (the Regulations).

Public task

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland (the Commission) is an independent organisation set up by Parliament with a range of duties prescribed under mental health and incapacity law, namely The Mental Health Care and Treatment (Scotland) Act, 2003 and The Adults with Incapacity Act, 2000. We record legal measures such as compulsory treatment under mental health legislation.

We are accountable to Scottish Ministers for our statutory duties and how we spend public money. We carry out our work and produce reports independently from the Scottish Government.

The Commissioner's statutory functions include:

- finding out whether individual care and treatment is in line with the law and good practice.
- challenging service providers to deliver best practice in mental health and learning disability care
- conducting investigations and publishing our findings
- providing advice and information
- undertaking monitoring of the use of relevant legislation

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