Executive Note

The Anatomy (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I 2006/334)

The above Regulations were made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3(5), 5(6), 6A(12), 8(1), and 11(4) and (7) of the Anatomy Act 1984. The Regulations are subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of the Regulations is to make provision as to the compilation and retention of records by persons to whom a licence has been granted under the Anatomy Act 1984 and in relation to the examination, disposal, care and display of bodies and parts of bodies which have been subjected to anatomical examination under the Act, or the possession and display of which is regulated by that Act. The instrument replaces the Anatomy Regulations 1988 in respect of the records to be compiled in relation to bodies, and parts of bodies, which were authorised for use for anatomical examination after these Regulations came into force on 1 September 2006. The records to be compiled in relation to bodies and parts of bodies authorised for use for anatomical examination before that date remain unaffected. It also replaces the Anatomy Regulations 1988 in respect of provisions for the examination, disposal and care of a body of a person who died after these Regulations come into force. The provisions for the examination, disposal and care of a body of a person who died before that date remain unaffected. Differences from the Anatomy Regulations 1988 include requirements as to the display of bodies and parts of bodies.

Consultation

There has been a consultation on the instrument. This has included HM Inspector for Anatomy for Scotland and Scottish anatomists.

Financial Effects

The Regulations have no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

Regulatory Impact Assessment

The Regulations have no impact on businesses, charities or voluntary bodies. The effectiveness of the new arrangements will be overseen by the HM Inspector of Anatomy for Scotland.

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