

# Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

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### PART 6

#### LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN

#### Accommodation duties

## 75 General duty of local authority to secure sufficient accommodation for looked after children

- (1) A local authority must take steps that secure, so far as reasonably practicable, that the local authority is able to provide the children mentioned in subsection (2) with accommodation that—
  - (a) is within the authority's area, and
  - (b) meets the needs of those children.
- (2) The children referred to in subsection (1) are those—
  - (a) that the local authority is looking after,
  - (b) in respect of whom the authority is unable to make arrangements under section 81(2), and
  - (c) whose circumstances are such that it would be consistent with their well-being for them to be provided with accommodation that is in the authority's area.
- (3) In discharging its duty under subsection (1), the local authority must have regard to the benefit of having—
  - (a) a number of accommodation providers in its area that is, in the authority's opinion, sufficient to discharge its duty, and
  - (b) a range of accommodation in its area capable of meeting different needs that is, in its opinion, sufficient to discharge its duty.
- (4) In this section "accommodation providers" means-

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) local authority foster parents, and
- (b) children's homes.