Housing (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 2

HOMELESSNESS

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HELP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS
OR THREATENED WITH HOMELESSNESS

Supplementary provisions

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(1) This section applies where a local housing authority has reason to believe that an applicant with whom a person under the age of 18 normally resides, or might reasonably be expected to reside—

(a) may be ineligible for help,

(b) may be homeless and that a duty under section 68, 73 or 75 is not likely to apply to the applicant, or

(c) may be threatened with homelessness and that a duty under section 66 is not likely to apply to the applicant.

(2) A local housing authority must make arrangements for ensuring that—

(a) the applicant is invited to consent to the referral to the social services department of the essential facts of his or her case, and

(b) if the applicant has given that consent, the social services department is made aware of those facts and of the subsequent decision of the authority in respect of his or her case.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) affects any power apart from this section to disclose information relating to the applicant's case to the the social services department without the consent of the applicant.

(4) A council of a county or county borough must make arrangements for ensuring that, where it makes a decision as local housing authority that an applicant is ineligible for help, became homeless intentionally or became threatened with homelessness intentionally, its housing department provides the social services department with such advice and assistance as the social services department may reasonably request.

(5) In this section, in relation to the council of a county or county borough—

"the housing department" ("*yr adran dai*") means those persons responsible for the exercise of its functions as local housing authority;

"the social services department" ("*yr adran gwasanaethau cymdeithasol*") means those persons responsible for the exercise of its social services functions under Part 3 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.