



# Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

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## PART 12

SERVICES IN RELATION TO CHILDREN AT RISK OF BECOMING LOOKED AFTER, ETC.

### **68 Provision of relevant services to parents and others**

- (1) A local authority must make arrangements to secure that relevant services of such description as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify are made available for—
  - (a) each eligible child residing in its area,
  - (b) a qualifying person in relation to such a child,
  - (c) each eligible pregnant woman residing in its area,
  - (d) a qualifying person in relation to such a woman.
- (2) A “relevant service” is a service comprising, or comprising any combination of—
  - (a) providing information about a matter,
  - (b) advising or counselling about a matter,
  - (c) taking other action to facilitate the addressing of a matter by a person.
- (3) An “eligible child” is a child who the authority considers—
  - (a) to be at risk of becoming looked after, or
  - (b) to fall within such other description as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify.
- (4) A “qualifying person” in relation to an eligible child is a person—
  - (a) who is related to the child,
  - (b) who has any parental rights or responsibilities in relation to the child, or
  - (c) with whom the child is, or has been, living.
- (5) An “eligible pregnant woman” is a pregnant woman who the authority considers is going to give birth to a child who will be an eligible child.
- (6) A “qualifying person” in relation to an eligible pregnant woman is a person—
  - (a) who is the father of the child to whom the pregnant woman is to give birth,

- (b) who is married to, in a civil partnership with or otherwise related to the pregnant woman,
  - (c) with whom the pregnant woman is living, or
  - (d) who does not fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) but who the authority considers will, when the pregnant woman gives birth to the child, become a qualifying person in relation to the child.
- (7) The references in this section to a person who is related to another person (“the other person”) includes a person who—
- (a) is married to or in a civil partnership with a person who is related to the other person,
  - (b) is related to the other person by the half blood.
- (8) This section is without prejudice to section 22 of the 1995 Act.