



Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 42

7 **Local authorities to exercise social services functions under guidance of Secretary of State.**

(1) Local authorities shall, in the exercise of their social services functions, including the exercise of any discretion conferred by any relevant enactment, act under the general guidance of the Secretary of State.

[^{F1}(1A) Section 78 of the Care Act 2014 applies instead of this section in relation to functions given by Part 1 of that Act or by regulations under that Part.]

^{F2}(2)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7(1A) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/914\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 17** (with arts. 1(3), 3)
- F2** Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), **Sch. 30**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 7 applied (19.12.2001 for E. otherwise 1.3.2007) by [2001 c. 15, ss. 45\(10\)\(a\), 70\(2\)](#) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); [S.I. 2001/4149, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2006/1407, art. 2](#), {Sch. 1Pt. 2 para. 8(a)}
- C2** S. 7 applied (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service Act 2006 \(c. 41\)](#), **ss. 77(11)(a), 277**
S. 7 applied (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Wales\) 2006 \(c. 42\)](#), **ss. 35(11)(a), 208** (with s. 19(3))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, Section 7 .