



# Children and Families Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 6

### PART 3

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

##### *Local authority functions: general principles*

#### **19 Local authority functions: supporting and involving children and young people**

In exercising a function under this Part in the case of a child or young person, a local authority in England must have regard to the following matters in particular—

- (a) the views, wishes and feelings of the child and his or her parent, or the young person;
- (b) the importance of the child and his or her parent, or the young person, participating as fully as possible in decisions relating to the exercise of the function concerned;
- (c) the importance of the child and his or her parent, or the young person, being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions;
- (d) the need to support the child and his or her parent, or the young person, in order to facilitate the development of the child or young person and to help him or her achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 19(a)(b)(c)(d) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(a), (2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 19 in force at 1.9.2014 by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 7(a)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2014/2270](#) (as amended (1.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/505](#) and (1.9.2015) by [S.I. 2015/1619](#)))

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children and Families Act 2014, Cross  
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