
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 453

**The Arrangements for Placement of Children
(General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Making of arrangements

3.—(1) Before they place a child the responsible authority shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, make immediate and long-term arrangements for that placement, and for promoting the welfare of the child who is to be placed.

(2) Where it is not practicable to make those arrangements before the placement, the responsible authority shall make them as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

(3) In the case of a child to whom Article 22(5) of the Order applies (child aged 16 or over agreeing to be provided with accommodation) the arrangements shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be agreed by the responsible authority with the child before a placement is made and if that is not practicable as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

(4) In any other case in which a child is looked after or accommodated but is not in care, the arrangements shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be agreed by the responsible authority with—

- (a) a person with parental responsibility for the child; or
- (b) if there is no such person, the person who is caring for the child,

before a placement is made and if that is not practicable, as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

(5) Any arrangements made by the responsible authority under this regulation shall be recorded in writing.