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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 210**

**The Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

**PART XIII**

**ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGISTERED FOSTERING SERVICES**

**Arrangements with registered fostering services**

**48.**—(1) Each local authority may individually or jointly enter into arrangements with one or more registered fostering services for the purposes of carrying out the functions mentioned in paragraph (2) in relation to children who are looked after by them in terms of section 17(6) of the 1995 Act.

(2) The functions are those specified in Parts II, III, VI, VIII, X, XI and XII of these Regulations.

(3) A local authority must not make arrangements under this regulation unless—

(a) they are satisfied—

(i) as to the capacity of the registered fostering service to discharge duties and functions on their behalf; and

(ii) the arrangements are the most suitable way for those duties and functions to be discharged;

(b) they enter into a written agreement with the registered fostering service regarding the matters in Part 1 of Schedule 7; and

(c) where they propose to make arrangements in respect of a particular child, they enter into a written agreement with the registered fostering service regarding the matters in Part II of Schedule 7.

(4) Each local authority entering into an arrangement under this regulation must review the arrangement at intervals of not more than 12 months.

(5) No registered fostering service shall be permitted to place a child outside the United Kingdom.