



Children Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 41

PART III

[^{F1}SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND]

Provision of services for children and their families

[^{F1}17ZB Young carers' needs assessments: supplementary

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 17ZA.
- (2) “ Parent ”, in relation to a young carer, includes—
 - (a) a parent of the young carer who does not have parental responsibility for the young carer, and
 - (b) a person who is not a parent of the young carer but who has parental responsibility for the young carer.
- (3) A person is not a young carer if the person provides or intends to provide care—
 - (a) under or by virtue of a contract, or
 - (b) as voluntary work.
- (4) But in a case where the local authority consider that the relationship between the person cared for and the person under 18 providing or intending to provide care is such that it would be appropriate for the person under 18 to be regarded as a young carer, that person is to be regarded as such (and subsection (3) is therefore to be ignored in that case).
- (5) The references in section 17ZA and this section to providing care include a reference to providing practical or emotional support.
- (6) Where a local authority—
 - (a) are required to carry out a young carer's needs assessment, and

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- (b) are required or have decided to carry out some other assessment of the young carer or of the person cared for;
the local authority may, subject to subsection (7), combine the assessments.
- (7) A young carer's needs assessment may be combined with an assessment of the person cared for only if the young carer and the person cared for agree.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision about carrying out a young carer's needs assessment; the regulations may, in particular—
 - (a) specify matters to which a local authority is to have regard in carrying out a young carer's needs assessment;
 - (b) specify matters which a local authority is to determine in carrying out a young carer's needs assessment;
 - (c) make provision about the manner in which a young carer's needs assessment is to be carried out;
 - (d) make provision about the form a young carer's needs assessment is to take.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend the list in section 17ZA(6)(b) so as to—
 - (a) add an entry,
 - (b) remove an entry, or
 - (c) vary an entry.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 17ZA-17ZC inserted (1.4.2015) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 96(1)**, 139(6); [S.I. 2015/375](#), art. 2(c)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(1A)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(3)
- s. 4(1C) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(4)
- s. 4ZA(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(3)
- s. 4ZA(3A) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(4)
- s. 8(4)(k) inserted by 2021 c. 17 s. 52(1)
- s. 31A(4A) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 15(2)(b)