



Children Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 41

PART VIII

REGISTERED CHILDREN'S HOMES

64 Welfare of children in children's homes

- (1) Where a child is accommodated in a children's home, it shall be the duty of the person carrying on the home to—
 - (a) safeguard and promote the child's welfare;
 - (b) make such use of the services and facilities available for children cared for by their own parents as appears to that person reasonable in the case of the child; and
 - (c) advise, assist and befriend him with a view to promoting his welfare when he ceases to be so accommodated.
- (2) Before making any decision with respect to any such child the person carrying on the home shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, ascertain the wishes and feelings of—
 - (a) the child;
 - (b) his parents;
 - (c) any other person who is not a parent of his but who has parental responsibility for him; and
 - (d) any person whose wishes and feelings the person carrying on the home considers to be relevant,regarding the matter to be decided.
- (3) In making any such decision the person concerned shall give due consideration—
 - (a) having regard to the child's age and understanding, to such wishes and feelings of his as he has been able to ascertain;
 - (b) to such other wishes and feelings mentioned in subsection (2) as he has been able to ascertain; and
 - (c) to the child's religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) Section 62, except subsection (4), shall apply in relation to any person who is carrying on a children's home as it applies in relation to any voluntary organisation.