



# Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 12

### 1 Assessment of ability of carers to provide care: England and Wales.

- (1) Subject to <sup>F1</sup>subsections (3) and (3A)] below, in any case where—
- (a) a local authority <sup>F2</sup>[in England] carry out an assessment under section 47(1) (a) of the <sup>M1</sup>National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 <sup>F3</sup>—
    - (i) <sup>F4</sup>... of the needs of a child (“the relevant person”) for after-care services under section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983,] <sup>F5</sup>...  
<sup>F5</sup>(ii) .....
  - (b) an individual (“the carer”) provides or intends to provide a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for the relevant person,

the carer may request the local authority, before they make their decision as to whether the needs of the relevant person call for the provision of any services, to carry out an assessment of his ability to provide and to continue to provide care for the relevant person; and if he makes such a request, the local authority shall carry out such an assessment and shall take into account the results of that assessment in making that decision.

- (2) Subject to <sup>F6</sup>subsections (3) and (3A)] below, in any case where—
- (a) a local authority <sup>F7</sup>[in England] assess the needs of a disabled child for the purposes of Part III of the <sup>M2</sup> Children Act 1989 or section 2 of the <sup>M3</sup> Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, and
  - (b) an individual (“the carer”) provides or intends to provide a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for the disabled child,

the carer may request the local authority, before they make their decision as to whether the needs of the disabled child call for the provision of any services, to carry out an assessment of his ability to provide and to continue to provide care for the disabled child; and if he makes such a request, the local authority shall carry out such an assessment and shall take into account the results of that assessment in making that decision.

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<sup>F8</sup>[(2A) For the purposes of an assessment under subsection (1) or (2), the local authority may take into account, so far as it considers it to be material, an assessment under section 1 or 6 of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000.]

<sup>F9</sup>(2B) In any case where—

- (a) a local authority are carrying out an assessment mentioned in paragraph (a) of either subsection (1) or subsection (2) above in relation to the relevant person or (as the case may be) a disabled child, and
- (b) it appears to the local authority that an individual may be entitled to request (but has not requested) an assessment under the subsection in question of his ability to provide and to continue to provide care for the relevant person or the disabled child,

the local authority must inform the individual that he may be so entitled before they make their decision as to the needs of the relevant person or the disabled child.]

<sup>F10</sup>(2C) An assessment under subsection (1) or (2) above must include consideration of whether the carer—

- (a) works or wishes to work,
- (b) is undertaking, or wishes to undertake, education, training or any leisure activity.]

(3) No request may be made under subsection (1) or (2) above by an individual who provides or will provide the care in question—

- (a) by virtue of a contract of employment or other contract with any person; or
- (b) as a volunteer for a voluntary organisation.

<sup>F11</sup>(3A) <sup>F12</sup>... No request may be made under subsection (1) or (2) if, in relation to the relevant person or the disabled child, the carer is—

- (a) a young carer, within the meaning given by section 17ZA of the Children Act 1989, or
- (b) a parent carer, within the meaning given by section 17ZD of that Act.]

(4) The Secretary of State may give directions as to the manner in which an assessment under subsection (1) or (2) above is to be carried out or the form it is to take but, subject to any such directions, it shall be carried out in such manner and take such form as the local authority consider appropriate.

<sup>F13</sup>(5) .....

(6) In this section—

<sup>F14</sup>...

“ child ” means a person under the age of eighteen;

“ disabled child ” means a child who is disabled within the meaning of Part III of the <sup>M4</sup> Children Act 1989;

<sup>F14</sup>...

<sup>F15c</sup>“ local authority ” means a county council, a district council for an area in England for which there is no county council, a London borough council or the Common Council of the City of London;]

“ voluntary organisation ” has the same meaning as in the National Assistance Act 1948.

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(7) In Schedule 1 to the <sup>M5</sup> Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (enactments conferring functions assigned to social services committees) at the end there shall be inserted—

“Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995 (c.12)

Section 1

Assessment of ability of carers to provide care.”

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/914\)](#) , art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 56(2)(a)** (with arts. 1(3) , 3)
- F2** Words in s. 1(1)(a) inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(a)(i)**
- F3** S. 1(1)(a)(i)(ii) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/914\)](#) , art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 56(2)(b)** (with arts. 1(3) , 3 )
- F4** Words in s. 1(1)(a)(i) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(a)(ii)**
- F5** S. 1(1)(a)(ii) and word omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(a)(iii)**
- F6** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/914\)](#) , art. 1(2) , **Sch. para. 56(3)** (with arts. 1(3) , 3 )
- F7** Words in s. 1(2)(a) inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(b)**
- F8** S. 1(2A) inserted (1.4.2001 for E. and 1.7.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 16 , **s. 4(1)** ; S.I. 2001/510 , art. 2 , **Sch.** ; S.I. 2001/2196 , art. 2 , **Sch.**
- F9** S. 1(2B) inserted (1.4.2005 for E., 18.4.2005 for W.) by [Carers \(Equal Opportunities\) Act 2004 \(c. 15\)](#) , **ss. 1(1)**, 6(2); S.I. 2005/876 , art. 2 ; S.I. 2005/1153 , art. 2
- F10** S. 1(2C) inserted (1.4.2005 for E., 18.4.2005 for W.) by [Carers \(Equal Opportunities\) Act 2004 \(c. 15\)](#) , **ss. 2(1)**, 6(2) ; S.I. 2005/876 , art. 2 ; S.I. 2005/1153 , art. 2
- F11** S. 1(3A) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/914\)](#) , art. 1(2) , **Sch. para. 56(4)** (with arts. 1(3), 3)
- F12** Words in s. 1(3A) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(c)**
- F13** S. 1(5) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(d)**
- F14** Words in s. 1(6) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(e)(i)**
- F15** Words in s. 1(6) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **142(e)(ii)**

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

- C1** S. 1 applied (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1996/693](#) , **art. 2**
- C2** S. 1(1) applied (1.4.2001 for E. and 1.7.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 16 , **s. 1(2)** ; S.I. 2001/510 , art. 2 , **Sch.** ; S.I. 2001/2196 , art. 2 , **Sch.**
- C3** S. 1(2) applied (1.4.2001 for E. and 1.7.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 16 , **s. 6(2)** ; S.I. 2001/510 , art. 2 , **Sch.** ; S.I. 2001/2196 , art. 2 , **Sch.**

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#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1990 c. 19 .

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**M3** 1989 c. 41 .

**M4** 1989 c. 41 .

**M5** 1970 c. 42 .

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