



Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 43

PART I

THE NEW SERVICES

CHAPTER II

CHILDREN AND FAMILY COURT ADVISORY AND SUPPORT SERVICE

12 Principal functions of the Service.

- (1) In respect of family proceedings in which the welfare of children [^{F1}other than children ordinarily resident in Wales] is or may be in question, it is a function of the Service to—
 - (a) safeguard and promote the welfare of the children,
 - (b) give advice to any court about any application made to it in such proceedings,
 - (c) make provision for the children to be represented in such proceedings,
 - (d) provide information, advice and other support for the children and their families.
- (2) The Service must also make provision for the performance of any functions conferred on officers of the Service by virtue of this Act or any other enactment (whether or not they are exercisable for the purposes of the functions conferred on the Service by subsection (1)).
- (3) Regulations may provide for grants to be paid by the Service to any person for the purpose of furthering the performance of any of the Service's functions.
- (4) The regulations may provide for the grants to be paid on conditions, including conditions—
 - (a) regulating the purposes for which the grant or any part of it may be used,
 - (b) requiring repayment to the Service in specified circumstances.

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- (5) In this section, “family proceedings” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 and also includes any other proceedings which are family proceedings for the purposes of the ^{M2}Children Act 1989, but—
 - (a) references to family proceedings include (where the context allows) family proceedings which are proposed or have been concluded, [^{F2}and]
 - ^{F2}(b)

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 12(1) inserted (1.4.2005) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 67(6), **Sch. 3 para. 13**; S.I. 2005/700, art. 2(2)

F2 S. 12(5)(b) repealed (28.11.2003) by [2002 c. 38](#), ss. 139, 148, Sch. 3 para. 118, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 paras. 2, 6-8); S.I. 2003/3079, **art. 2(1)(c)(d)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 12: transfer of functions (12.1.2004) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Children, Young People and Families\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3191\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3, 4**

C2 S. 12 power to extend functions conferred by 1989 c. 41, s. 26(2C) (as inserted (21.5.2004) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), **ss. 118(2), 148(1)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2004/1403, art. 2)

Marginal Citations

M1 1984 c. 42.

M2 1989 c. 41.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 64(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 64(1)(a) by [2003 c. 44 s. 266\(2\)](#)
- s. 64(4A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 s. 266\(3\)](#)
- s. 64(5)(f) and word inserted by [2003 c. 44 s. 266\(4\)](#)
- s. 64(5)(f) words inserted by [2006 c. 52 Sch. 16 para. 185\(a\)](#)
- s. 64(5)(f) words inserted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 21 para. 18](#)
- s. 64(5)(f) words inserted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 22 para. 19](#)
- s. 64(6) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2003 c. 44 s. 266\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2008/912 Sch. 1 para. 19\(15\)](#)
- s. 64(6) inserted by [2003 c. 44 s. 266\(5\)](#)
- s. 64(6) words repealed by [2004 c. 31 Sch. 5 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 64(8) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 38\(5\)](#)
- s. 85(7B) applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2014/3141 Sch. 3 para. 5\(7\)](#)