



Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 38

PART 3

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Criminal conduct and anti-social behaviour

[^{F1}25B Parenting contracts in respect of anti-social behaviour: [^{F2}relevant housing providers]

- (1) A [^{F3}relevant housing provider] may enter into a parenting contract with a parent of a child or young person if—
- (a) the [^{F3}relevant housing provider] has reason to believe that the child or young person—
 - (i) has engaged in anti-social behaviour, or
 - (ii) is likely to engage in such behaviour,and
 - (b) that behaviour directly or indirectly relates to or affects the housing management functions of the [^{F3}relevant housing provider] (or, where paragraph (a)(ii) applies, would do so if the behaviour were engaged in).

[“Relevant housing provider” means—

- ^{F4}(1A) (a) a non-profit registered provider of social housing, or
(b) a registered social landlord.]

- (2) A parenting contract is a document which contains—
- (a) a statement by the parent that he agrees to comply with such requirements as may be specified in the document for such period as may be so specified, and
 - (b) a statement by the [^{F5}relevant housing provider] that it agrees to make arrangements for the provision of support to the parent for the purpose of complying with those requirements.

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- (3) The requirements mentioned in subsection (2)(a) may include (in particular) a requirement to attend a counselling or guidance programme.
- (4) The purpose of the requirements mentioned in subsection (2)(a) is to prevent the child or young person from engaging in anti-social behaviour or further anti-social behaviour.
- (5) A parenting contract must be signed by the parent and signed on behalf of the [F⁶relevant housing provider] .
- (6) A parenting contract does not create any obligations in respect of whose breach any liability arises in contract or in tort.
- (7) In carrying out their functions in relation to parenting contracts—
 - [F⁷(a) non-profit registered providers of social housing shall have regard to any guidance which is issued by the Secretary of State from time to time for that purpose;]
 - (b) registered social landlords on the register maintained by the National Assembly for Wales shall have regard to any guidance which is issued by the Assembly from time to time for that purpose.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 25A, 25B inserted (1.8.2007 for E.) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), **ss. 23(1)**, 53(1); S.I. 2007/1614, [art. 3\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 25B substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(5)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))
- F3** Words in s. 25B(1) substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(2)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))
- F4** S. 25B(1A) inserted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(3)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))
- F5** Words in s. 25B(2) substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(2)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))
- F6** Words in s. 25B(5) substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(2)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))
- F7** S. 25B(7)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 121(4)** (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))

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