



Children Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 31

PART 2

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ENGLAND

Inspections of children's services

23 Sections 20 to 22: interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of sections 20 to 22.
- (2) "Assessment" includes an inspection, review, investigation or study.
- (3) "Children's services" means—
 - (a) anything done for or in relation to children and relevant young persons (alone or with other persons)—
 - (i) in respect of which, apart from section 20, a person or body to which that section applies conducts any kind of assessment, or secures that any kind of assessment is conducted; and
 - (ii) which is specified in, or is of a description prescribed by, regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - (b) any function under sections 10 and [F1 12B] to 19; F2 . . .
 - (c) any function conferred on a [F3 local authority] under section 12[F4, F5 . . .
 - (d) any function conferred on a local authority under Part 1 of the Childcare Act 2006, [F6 and
 - (e) any function conferred on a local authority under section 2 of the Childcare Act 2016.]
- (4) "Relevant young persons" means persons, other than children, in relation to whom arrangements under section 10 may be made.
- [F7 (5) "The Chief Inspector of Schools" means Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children Act 2004, Section 23. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 23(3) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 194\(5\)](#), 269; [S.I. 2010/303](#), [art. 3](#), Sch. 2
- F2** Word in s. 23(3)(b) repealed (1.4.2007) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 16\(3\)\(a\)](#), 103(2), 109(2), [Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2007/1019](#), [art. 3](#)
- F3** Words in Pt. 2 substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [arts. 1](#), 5(1), [Sch. 2 para. 55\(2\)](#)
- F4** S. 23(3)(d) and preceding word inserted (1.4.2007) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 16\(3\)\(b\)](#), 109(2); [S.I. 2007/1019](#), [art. 3](#)
- F5** Word in s. 23(3)(c) omitted (10.1.2017) by virtue of [The Childcare \(Early Years Provision Free of Charge\) \(Extended Entitlement\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1257\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [42\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F6** S. 23(3)(e) and preceding word inserted (10.1.2017) by [The Childcare \(Early Years Provision Free of Charge\) \(Extended Entitlement\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1257\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [42\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F7** S. 23(5) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 157](#), 188, [Sch. 14 para. 97](#); [S.I. 2007/935](#), [art. 5](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 23 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 67(2); s. 23 in force for E. at 1.3.2005 by [S.I. 2005/394](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#)

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