



# Education Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 18

### PART 1

#### SCHOOL INSPECTIONS AND OTHER INSPECTIONS BY SCHOOL INSPECTORS

### CHAPTER 6

#### OTHER INSPECTIONS: ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Inspection of careers services in Wales*

#### **57 Inspections under sections 55 and 56: further provisions**

- (1) This section applies to any inspection under section 55 or 56.
- (2) The inspection must be conducted by one or more of the following—
  - (a) any of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales, or
  - (b) any additional inspector authorised under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2;but such an inspector or inspectors may be assisted by such other persons (whether or not members of the Chief Inspector's staff) as the Chief Inspector thinks fit.
- (3) In conducting the inspection, the inspector or inspectors must act in accordance with any instructions or guidelines given from time to time by the Assembly.
- (4) The inspector conducting the inspection, and any person assisting him by virtue of subsection (2), have at all reasonable times—
  - (a) a right of entry to any premises where the relevant services, or as the case requires the education, training or advisory services falling within section 56(1), are provided, and
  - (b) a right to inspect, and take copies of, any records or other documents kept by the person being inspected, which he requires for the purposes of the inspection.

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- (5) It is an offence intentionally to obstruct—
  - (a) the inspector conducting the inspection, or
  - (b) any person assisting him by virtue of subsection (2),in the exercise of his functions in relation to the inspection.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (5) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (7) Where the inspection has been completed, the Chief Inspector must—
  - (a) prepare a written report on the inspection within a prescribed period,
  - (b) send a copy of the report to—
    - (i) the person inspected,
    - (ii) the Assembly,
    - (iii) any prescribed person, and
    - (iv) any other person whom he considers appropriate, and
  - (c) publish the report in the prescribed manner or, if none is prescribed, in such manner as the Chief Inspector considers appropriate.
- (8) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 29 (which relate to defamation) apply to the publication of a report under this section as they apply to the publication of a report under either of the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) of that section.
- (9) Regulations may require the person inspected to prepare a written statement in response to the report of the inspection.
- (10) Regulations under subsection (9) may—
  - (a) prescribe the matters to be dealt with in the statement,
  - (b) prescribe the period within which it must be prepared, and
  - (c) require the person who prepared it to send copies of the statement to prescribed persons and to publish it in the prescribed manner.

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