



# Children and Young Persons Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 23

### PART 2

#### FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

##### *Visiting*

#### **18 Visits to children in long-term care**

After section 86 of the 1989 Act insert—

**“86A Visitors for children notified to local authority under section 85 or 86**

- (1) This section applies if the appropriate officer of a local authority—
  - (a) has been notified with respect to a child under section 85(1) or 86(1); and
  - (b) has not been notified with respect to that child under section 85(2) or, as the case may be, 86(2).
- (2) The local authority must, in accordance with regulations made under this section, make arrangements for the child to be visited by a representative of the authority (“a representative”).
- (3) It is the function of a representative to provide advice and assistance to the local authority on the performance of their duties under section 85(4) or, as the case may be, 86(3).
- (4) Regulations under this section may make provision about—
  - (a) the frequency of visits under visiting arrangements;
  - (b) circumstances in which visiting arrangements must require a child to be visited; and
  - (c) additional functions of a representative.

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Children and Young Persons Act 2008, Section 18. (See end of Document for details)*

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- (5) Regulations under this section are to be made by the Secretary of State and the Welsh Ministers acting jointly.
- (6) In choosing a representative a local authority must satisfy themselves that the person chosen has the necessary skills and experience to perform the functions of a representative.
- (7) In this section “visiting arrangements” means arrangements made under subsection (2).”

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 18 in force at 1.1.2010 for specified purposes by S.I. 2009/3354, art. 2
- I2** S. 18 in force at 1.4.2011 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2010/2981, art. 2(b)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children and Young Persons Act 2008, Section 18.