

*These notes refer to the Children and Families Act 2014  
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014*

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **PART 3 - children and young people in England with special Educational Needs OR DISABILITIES**

##### **Local authority functions: general principles**

##### ***Section 19: Local authority functions: Supporting and involving children and young people***

161. This section sets out the general principles that local authorities must have regard to in exercising their powers and duties under Part 3 of the Act in the case of children and young people. The principles are based on the Government's vision for reforming services for children and young people with special educational needs, as set out in the 2011 Green Paper, *Support and Aspiration: A new approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability*. They seek to ensure that local authorities place children, young people and families at the centre of decision making, enable them to participate in a fully informed way, and with a focus on achieving the best possible outcomes.