



# Children and Families Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 6

### PART 6

#### THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

#### 112 Business plans

After section 7A of the Children Act 2004 (as inserted by section 111) insert—

##### “7B Business plans

- (1) The Children's Commissioner must publish a business plan which sets out, in relation to the discharge of the Commissioner's functions—
  - (a) the Commissioner's proposed main activities for the period covered by the plan (including the matters he or she intends to consider or investigate), and
  - (b) the Commissioner's proposed strategic priorities for that period.
- (2) A business plan must cover a period of at least 12 months beginning with the date of publication.
- (3) The Commissioner must publish a new business plan before the end of the period covered by the preceding business plan.
- (4) Before publishing a business plan under this section, the Children's Commissioner must—
  - (a) take reasonable steps to consult children,
  - (b) consult persons who (taken together) represent a broad range of interests which are relevant to the Children's Commissioner's functions, and
  - (c) consult such other persons as the Commissioner thinks appropriate.
- (5) The Children's Commissioner must for the purposes of subsection (4)(a) have particular regard to children who are within section 8A (children living away

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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from home or receiving social care) and other groups of children who the Commissioner considers do not have adequate means by which they can make their views known.”