



# Children and Families Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 6

### PART 3

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

##### *Appeals, mediation and dispute resolution*

#### **56 Mediation: supplementary**

- (1) Regulations may make provision for the purposes of sections 52 to 55, in particular—
- (a) about giving notice;
  - (b) imposing time limits;
  - (c) enabling a local authority or commissioning body to take prescribed steps following the conclusion of mediation;
  - (d) about who may attend mediation;
  - (e) where a child's parent is a party to mediation, requiring the mediator to take reasonable steps to ascertain the views of the child;
  - (f) about the provision of advocacy and other support services for the parent or young person;
  - (g) requiring a local authority or commissioning body to pay reasonable travel expenses and other expenses of a prescribed description, up to any prescribed limit;
  - (h) about exceptions to the requirement in section 55(3);
  - (i) about the training, qualifications and experience of mediators and mediation advisers;
  - (j) conferring powers or imposing requirements on local authorities, commissioning bodies, mediators and mediation advisers.
- (2) In section 55 and this section “mediation adviser” means an independent person who can provide information and advice about pursuing mediation.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person is not independent if he or she is employed by any of the following—
- (a) a local authority in England;
  - (b) a clinical commissioning group;
  - (c) the National Health Service Commissioning Board.
- (4) In this section “commissioning body” means a body that is under a duty to arrange health care provision of any kind.