



Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 13

Local connection

8 Local connection of a care leaver

In section 199 of the Housing Act 1996 (local connection), after subsection (7), insert—

“(8) While a local authority in England have a duty towards a person under section 23C of the Children Act 1989 (continuing functions in respect of former relevant children)—

- (a) if the local authority is a local housing authority, the person has a local connection with their district, and
- (b) otherwise, the person has a local connection with every district of a local housing authority that falls within the area of the local authority.

(9) In subsection (8), “local authority” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 (see section 105 of that Act).

(10) Where, by virtue of being provided with accommodation under section 22A of the Children Act 1989 (provision of accommodation for children in care), a person is normally resident in the district of a local housing authority in England for a continuous period of at least two years, some or all of which falls before the person attains the age of 16, the person has a local connection with that district.

(11) A person ceases to have a local connection with a district under subsection (10) upon attaining the age of 21 (but this does not affect whether the person has a local connection with that district under any other provision of this section).”

Commencement Information

11 S. 8 in force at 3.4.2018 by S.I. 2018/167, reg. 3(h)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, Section 8.