

Children and Social Work Act 2017

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CHILDREN AND SOCIAL WORK ACT 2017

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SCHEDULE 1 — Placing children in secure accommodation elsewhere in Great Britain

Children Act 1989

- 1 The Children Act 1989 is amended as follows.
- 2 (1) Section 25 (use of accommodation in England for restricting...
- 3 In paragraph 19(9) of Schedule 2 (restrictions on arrangements for...

Children (Secure Accommodation) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/1505)

- 4 The Children (Secure Accommodation) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/1505) are amended...
- 5 In regulation 1— (a) in the heading, for "and commencement"...
- 6 In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), in the definition of "children's home",...
- 7 For regulation 3 substitute— Approval by Secretary of State of...
- 8 In regulation 17 (records), in the words before paragraph (a),...

Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (S.S.I. 2013 No. 205)

- 9 The Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (S.S.I. 2013 No. 205)...
- 10 In regulation 5 (maximum period in secure accommodation), after paragraph...

11 In regulation 15 (records to be kept by managers of...

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013 No. 1465)

12 In Article 7 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011...

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 4)

13 In section 124(9) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales)...

Saving for existing powers

14 The amendments made by this Schedule to provisions of subordinate...

SCHEDULE 2 — Part 1 of this Act: consequential amendments
Part 1 — AMENDMENT RELATING TO CHAPTER 1

Local offer for care leavers

- 1 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act...
- 2 In paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Children Act...
- 3 In section 135(1)(e) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006...
- 4 In section 30 of the Children and Families Act 2014...

Advice and support

- 5 In paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 3 to the Nationality, Immigration...
- 6 In section 83A(5)(a) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning...

Part 2 — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ABOLITION OF LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARDS

- 7 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act...
- 8 (1) Section 83 of the Children Act 1989 (research and...
- 9 (1) Section 31 of the Children and Young Persons Act...

SCHEDULE 3 — Social Work England

Status

1 (1) The regulator is not to be regarded—

Members

2 The regulator is to consist of— (a) a chair appointed...

Term of office

- 3 A member holds and vacates office in accordance with the...
- 4 A member may resign by giving written notice to the...
- 5 The Secretary of State may by notice in writing remove...

Remuneration and pensions

- 6 The regulator may pay to the members such remuneration, allowances...
- 7 If required to do so by the Secretary of State,...

Staff

- 8 (1) The regulator must appoint a person to be chief...
- 9 The regulator may appoint other staff.
- 10 (1) The regulator's staff may be appointed on such terms,...

Procedure

- 11 The regulator may determine its own procedure (including quorum).
- 12 No proceeding is invalidated by—(a) a vacancy in the...

Delegation

- 13 (1) The regulator may delegate functions to a committee, sub-committee,...
- 14 (1) The regulator may delegate functions to any other person...
- 15 (1) A function may be delegated under paragraph 13 or...

Membership of committees and sub-committees

16 (1) A committee or sub-committee of the regulator may include...

Annual reports and accounts

- 17 As soon as possible after the end of each financial...
- 18 (1) The regulator must keep proper accounts and proper records...
- 19 The Secretary of State must, in respect of each financial...
- 20 In paragraphs 17 to 19 "financial year" means—

Application of seal and evidence

- 21 The application of the regulator's seal must be authenticated by...
- A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal...

Disqualification

23 In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Freedom of information

24 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...

SCHEDULE 4 — Oversight by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care

- 1 The National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act...
- 2 (1) Section 25 (the Professional Standards Authority for Health and...
- 3 (1) Section 25A (funding of the Authority) is amended as...
- 4 After section 25A insert—Funding of the Authority by Social...
- 5 In section 25C (appointments to regulatory bodies), in subsection (7),...
- 6 (1) Section 25D (power of regulatory bodies to establish voluntary...
- 7 In section 25E (section 25D: interpretation), omit subsections (10) and...
- 8 In section 25F (establishment of voluntary register: impact assessment), in
- 9 In section 25G (power of the Authority to accredit voluntary...
- 10 In section 25H (accreditation of voluntary register: impact assessment), in
- 11 In section 25I (functions of the Authority in relation to...

- 12 (1) Section 26A (powers of Secretary of State and devolved...
- 13 In section 27 (regulatory bodies and the Authority), in subsection...
- 14 In section 28 (complaints), in subsection (1), after "regulatory body"...
- 15 (1) Section 29 (reference to disciplinary cases by the Authority...
- 16 (1) Section 38 (regulations and orders) is amended as follows....

SCHEDULE 5 — Amendments to do with Part 2

Part 1 — GENERAL AMENDMENTS

London County Council (General Powers) Act 1920

1 In section 18(e) of the London County Council (General Powers)...

Medicines Act 1968

2 In section 58 of the Medicines Act 1968, omit subsection...

Video Recordings Act 1984

3 In section 3 of the Video Recordings Act 1984, omit...

London Local Authorities Act 1991

4 In section 4 of the London Local Authorities Act 1991,...

Value Added Tax Act 1994

5 In Part 2 of Schedule 9 to the Value Added...

Data Protection Act 1998

6 In section 69(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, in...

Care Standards Act 2000

- 7 The Care Standards Act 2000 is amended as follows.
- 8 (1) Section 55 is amended as follows.
- 9 (1) Section 67 is amended as follows.

Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

- 10 The Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001 (SI 2002/254)...
- 11 (1) Article 3 is amended as follows.
- 12 In article 6(3)(aa), omit "or social work".
- 13 In article 7(4), omit "or social work".
- 14 (1) Article 9 is amended as follows.
- 15 (1) Article 10 is amended as follows.
- 16 In article 11A, omit paragraph (11).
- 17 (1) Article 12 is amended as follows.
- 18 (1) Article 13 is amended as follows.
- 19 For the heading of article 13A substitute "Visiting health...
- 20 Omit article 13B.
- 21 In article 19(2A)(b), omit "or social work".
- 22 In article 20, omit the words from "; but the...
- 23 (1) Article 37 is amended as follows.
- 24 (1) Article 38 is amended as follows.
- 25 In article 39, omit paragraph (1A).

- 26 In Schedule 1, in paragraph 1A(1)(b), omit paragraph (ia) (but...
- 27 (1) In Schedule 3, paragraph 1 is amended as follows....

Adoption and Children Act 2002

28 (1) In section 10 of the Adoption and Children Act...

Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

29 In section 343(2) of the Income Tax (Earning and Pensions)...

National Health Service Act 2006

30 In section 126 of the National Health Service Act 2006,...

National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

31 In section 80 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act...

Armed Forces Act 2006

32 In section 257(3) of the Armed Forces Act 2006, for...

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

- 33 The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 is amended as follows....
- In section 41(7), in the table, after entry 10 insert—...
- 35 In Schedule 3, in paragraph 16(4), after paragraph (1) insert—...

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 14)

36 In section 30A(6) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland)...

Children and Young Persons Act 2008

37 (1) In section 2 of the Children and Young Persons...

Health and Social Care Act 2012

38 In the Health and Social Care Act 2012 omit sections...

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2)

- 39 The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016...
- 40 In section 111(4)(b)—(a) in the Welsh text, for "Cyngor...
- 41 In section 117(4)(a)— (a) in the Welsh text, after "Gofal"...
- 42 In section 119(4)(a)(ii)— (a) in the Welsh text, for "y...
- 43 In section 125(5)(a)(ii)— (a) in the Welsh text, for "y...
- 44 In section 174(5)(a)(ii)— (a) in the Welsh text, for "Cyngor...

 Part 2 RENAMING OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONS
 - ORDER 2001
 For the title to the Health and Social Work Professions...
- For the title to the Health and Social Work Professions.
 In article 1(1) of that Order (citation), for "the Health...
- 47 In the following provisions, for "the Health and Social Work...
- 48 In the definition of "registered psychologist" in each of the...

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children and Social Work Act 2017.