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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1306**

**The Special Educational Needs and Disability (First-tier Tribunal Recommendations Power) Regulations 2017**

**Responding to social care recommendations**

7.—(1) When the First-tier Tribunal makes a recommendation in respect of social care needs or social care provision, the local authority must respond to the child's parent or the young person within 5 weeks beginning with the date of the recommendation.

(2) The time limit specified in paragraph (1) does not apply where the First-tier Tribunal directs that a different time limit is to apply for the local authority's response.

(3) A response under paragraph (1) must—

- (a) be in writing,
- (b) state what steps, if any, the local authority has decided to take following its consideration of the recommendation, and
- (c) give reasons for any decision not to follow the recommendation, or any part of it.

(4) The local authority must send a copy of its response under paragraph (1) to the Secretary of State within 1 week beginning with the date of its response to the child's parent or the young person.