

SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL- BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - Looked after and Accommodated Children

Section 112 - Support for category 4 young people

316. **Section 112 (1)** requires a local authority to support a category 4 young person (to the extent that their educational or training needs require it) by contributing to expenses incurred by the young person to enable them to live near where he or she is, or will be, receiving education or training and by making a grant to enable the young person to meet expenses connected with their education or training.
317. Subsection (2) requires the local authority, where a category 4 young person is pursuing higher education, to pay the relevant amount to him or her in accordance with their pathway plan. Local authorities must provide accommodation during the vacation to a category 4 young person who is pursuing full-time further or higher education when their term-time accommodation is unavailable. If such accommodation is not provided then the local authority must provide the young person with enough money to secure the accommodation needed. Section 116 contains a regulation making power for the Welsh Minister to make supplementary provision about support for young persons in further or higher education, including, for example, the power to specify the “relevant amount” and to define terms such as “vacation”, or “full-time”.
318. This section restates provision made by section 23CA of the Children Act 1989.