



# Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 4

### MEETING NEEDS

*Deciding what to do following needs assessment*

#### **34 How to meet needs**

- (1) The following are examples of the ways in which a local authority may meet needs under sections 35 to 45—
  - (a) by arranging for a person other than the authority to provide something;
  - (b) by itself providing something;
  - (c) by providing something, or by arranging for something to be provided, to a person other than the person with needs for care and support (or, in the case of a carer, support).
- (2) The following are examples of what may be provided or arranged to meet needs under sections 35 to 45—
  - (a) accommodation in a care home, children's home or premises of some other type;
  - (b) care and support at home or in the community;
  - (c) services, goods and facilities;
  - (d) information and advice;
  - (e) counselling and advocacy;
  - (f) social work;
  - (g) payments (including direct payments);
  - (h) aids and adaptations;
  - (i) occupational therapy.

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- (3) Where a local authority is meeting a person's needs under sections 35 to 45 by providing or arranging care and support at the person's home, the local authority must satisfy itself that any visits to the person's home for that purpose are of sufficient length to provide the person with the care and support required to meet the needs in question.
- (4) A code issued under section 145 must include guidelines as to the length of visits to a person's home for the purpose of providing care and support.
- (5) See sections 47 (exception for provision of health services), 48 (exception for provision of housing etc) and 49 (restrictions on provision of payments) for limitations on what may be provided or arranged to meet needs for care and support and the way in which it may be provided or arranged.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 34 applied (1.4.2015 for specified purposes, 6.4.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Care Act 2014 \(c. 23\)](#), [ss. 52\(3\)](#), [127\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2015/993](#), [art. 2\(p\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2015/995](#)); [S.I. 2016/464](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 34 in force at 6.4.2016 by [S.I. 2016/412](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Schs. 1, 2](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 162(4)(ga) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 163(4A) inserted by [2014 c. 23 s. 75\(10\)](#) (Effect inserting (4) not applied at s. 163 as it appears to relate to s. 194 in view of the title of the section as cited i.e. "ordinary residence". In s. 194 another (4), identically worded, is inserted on the same date by S.I. 2016/413, regs. 2(1), 316(a))