



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 2

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Overarching duties

6 Other overarching duties: general

- (1) A person exercising functions under this Act in relation to—
 - (a) an individual who has, or may have, needs for care and support,
 - (b) a carer who has, or may have, needs for support, or
 - (c) an individual in respect of whom functions are exercisable under Part 6 (looked after children etc),must comply with the duties in subsection (2).
- (2) The person must—
 - (a) in so far as is reasonably practicable, ascertain and have regard to the individual's views, wishes and feelings,
 - (b) have regard to the importance of promoting and respecting the dignity of the individual,
 - (c) have regard to the characteristics, culture and beliefs of the individual (including, for example, language), and
 - (d) have regard to the importance of providing appropriate support to enable the individual to participate in decisions that affect him or her to the extent that is appropriate in the circumstances, particularly where the individual's ability to communicate is limited for any reason.
- (3) A person exercising functions under this Act in relation to an adult falling within subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) must, in addition, have regard to—

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- (a) the importance of beginning with the presumption that the adult is best placed to judge the adult's well-being, and
 - (b) the importance of promoting the adult's independence where possible.
- (4) A person exercising functions under this Act in relation to a child falling within subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c), in addition—
- (a) must have regard to the importance of promoting the upbringing of the child by the child's family, in so far as doing so is consistent with promoting the well-being of the child, and
 - (b) where the child is under the age of 16, must ascertain and have regard to the views, wishes and feelings of the persons with parental responsibility for the child, in so far as doing so is—
 - (i) consistent with promoting the well-being of the child, and
 - (ii) reasonably practicable.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 6(4)(b) applied by SI 2005/1313, reg. 46A(2) (as inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) and Care Planning, Placement and Case Review \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/216\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(8)**)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 6 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))