Housing (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 2

HOMELESSNESS

CHAPTER 2

HELP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS
OR THREATENED WITH HOMELESSNESS

Referral to another local housing authority

81 Local connection

(1) This section applies for the purposes of this Chapter.

(2) A person has a local connection with the area of a local housing authority in Wales or England if the person has a connection with it—

(a) because the person is, or in the past was, normally resident there, and that residence is or was of the person's own choice,

(b) because the person is employed there,

(c) because of family associations, or

(d) because of special circumstances.

(3) Residence in an area is not of a person's own choice if the person, or a person who might reasonably be expected to reside with that person, becomes resident there because the person is detained under the authority of an enactment.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may by order specify circumstances in which—

(a) a person is not to be treated as employed in an area, or

(b) residence in an area is not to be treated as of a person's own choice.

(5) A person has a local connection with the area of a local housing authority in Wales or England if the person was (at any time) provided with accommodation in that area under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (support for asylum seekers).

(6) But subsection (5) does not apply—

(a) to the provision of accommodation for a person in an area of a local housing authority if the person was subsequently provided with accommodation in the area of another local housing authority under section 95 of that Act, or

(b) to the provision of accommodation in an accommodation centre by virtue of section 22 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (use of accommodation centres for section 95 support).

Commencement Information

I1 S. 81 in force at 1.12.2014 for specified purposes by S.I. 2014/3127, art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**

I2 S. 81 in force at 27.4.2015 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2015/1272, art. 2, **Sch. para. 32**

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, Section 81.