

ADOPTION AND CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Chapter 4

Adoption Support Plans

Section 48 - Other cases where authority under duty to review plan

178. Where an adoption support plan is in force subsection (2) places a duty on a local authority to review the plan “from time to time” and when it becomes aware of a change in circumstances of a member of a family to which such a plan relates.
179. When reviewing the adoption support plan under subsection (2), subsection (3) allows a local authority to reassess the need for adoption support services of any member of the adoptive family to which the plan relates.
180. Subsection (4) places a duty on a local authority to vary an adoption support plan to reflect the changes in the reassessed needs of a relevant person under subsection (3) and changes to the adoption support services provided by the local authority.
181. By virtue of subsection (5) “relevant member” has the same meaning as in section 47(6). As in section 47, references to a reassessment of needs include an assessment of needs if such an assessment has not been carried out in respect of the relevant member.