

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 1 – Children's Hearings Scotland

Area support teams: functions

356. [Paragraph 14\(1\)](#) places a duty on area support teams to carry out the functions conferred on the National Convener by section 6.
357. [Paragraph 14\(2\)](#) provides for area support teams to carry out delegated functions of the National Convener, for example in relation to recruitment campaigns and the identification of training requirements. [Paragraph 14\(3\)](#) provides that the National Convener cannot delegate to area support teams the function of providing legal or other advice to panel members. [Paragraph 14\(4\)](#) places a duty on the National Convener to consult with local authorities about what functions will be carried out by an area support team for their area.
358. [Paragraph 14\(5\)](#) makes clear that if the National Convener delegates a function to a member of an area support team, the function must not be sub delegated to a person who is not a member of the area support team. [Paragraph 14\(6\)](#) allows the National Convener to also carry out a delegated function. [Paragraphs 14\(7\) and 14\(8\)](#) allow the National Convener to give directions to area support teams as to the carrying out of delegated functions after consulting with relevant local authorities, and requires area support teams to comply with any such directions.