EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Miscellaneous

Section 19: Additional support for learning

Amendments of section 11: co-ordinated support plans: further provision

- 84. Paragraph 10 of the schedule to the Act amends section 11 of the 2004 Act which specifies further matters in relation to the establishment and review of co-ordinated support plans. This section enables parents and young people to be informed: (a) that it is proposed by the education authority to establish whether the child or young person requires a co-ordinated support plan or a review of the co-ordinated support plan prepared; and (b) of the outcome of those proposals and, as a result of the outcome, any rights to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland under section 18 of the 2004 Act. The effect of new section 11(3)(aa) is to require an authority to provide this information to a child aged 12 or over (provided the child has capacity to understand the information and where it would not adversely impact their wellbeing to receive information as previously set out by section 6(3)(aa), 7(3)(aa) and 10(5)(aa)) where the authority's proposal arises as a result of a request to:
 - establish whether the child has additional support needs or requires a co-ordinated support plan under section 6(2), or,
 - establish whether the child has additional support needs or would require a coordinated support plan if the education authority were responsible for the education of the child under section 7(2), or,
 - review a co-ordinated support plan under section 10(4).
- 85. Section 11(5) requires education authorities to provide a copy of any co-ordinated support plan or amended plan prepared to parents and young people. The effect of new section 11(5)(a)(ia) is to require authorities to provide copies of these plans to children aged 12 or over with capacity where they have made the original request either to establish that they require a co-ordinated support plan or that it should be reviewed. Section 11(5)(a) will still require the authority to give a copies of these plans to their parents in this scenario.