



Children (Scotland) Act 2020

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Contact

13 Promotion of contact between looked after children and siblings

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 17 (duty of local authority to child looked after by them)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the “and” following paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (ii) after paragraph (c) insert “; and
 - (d) take such steps to promote, on a regular basis, personal relations and direct contact between the child and any person mentioned in subsection (1A) as appear to them to be appropriate having regard to their duty to the child under paragraph (a).”,
 - (b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The persons referred to in subsection (1)(d) are—

 - (a) a sibling of the child, and
 - (b) any other person with whom the child has lived and with whom the child has an ongoing relationship with the character of a relationship between siblings.

(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A), two people are siblings if they have at least one parent in common.”
 - (c) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) the “and” following paragraph (c) is repealed,
 - (ii) after paragraph (c) insert—

“(ca) any person mentioned in subsection (1A); and”.