



# Children and Social Work Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 16

### PART 1

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##### *Care and adoption proceedings in England and Wales*

## **8 Care orders: permanence provisions**

In section 31 of the Children Act 1989 (care and supervision orders), for subsection (3B) substitute—

“(3B) For the purposes of subsection (3A), the permanence provisions of a section 31A plan are—

- (a) such of the plan’s provisions setting out the long-term plan for the upbringing of the child concerned as provide for any of the following—
  - (i) the child to live with any parent of the child’s or with any other member of, or any friend of, the child’s family;
  - (ii) adoption;
  - (iii) long-term care not within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);
- (b) such of the plan’s provisions as set out any of the following—
  - (i) the impact on the child concerned of any harm that he or she suffered or was likely to suffer;
  - (ii) the current and future needs of the child (including needs arising out of that impact);
  - (iii) the way in which the long-term plan for the upbringing of the child would meet those current and future needs.”

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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## **9 Adoption: duty to have regard to relationship with adopters**

In section 1(4) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (matters to which court is to have regard in coming to a decision relating to the adoption of a child), in paragraph (f) (relationships), after “relatives,” in the first place it occurs, insert “with any person who is a prospective adopter with whom the child is placed,”.