



Children Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 41

PART III

[^{F1}SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND]

Advice and assistance for certain children [^{F1} and young persons]

[^{F1}23CZ] **England: further advice and support**

- (1) This section applies to a former relevant child if—
 - (a) he or she has reached the age of 21 but not the age of 25, and
 - (b) a local authority in England had duties towards him or her under section 23C (whether or not some of those duties continue to subsist by virtue of subsection (7) of that section).
- (2) If the former relevant child informs the local authority that he or she wishes to receive advice and support under this section, the local authority has the duties provided for in subsections (3) to (6).
- (3) The local authority must provide the former relevant child with a personal adviser until the former relevant child—
 - (a) reaches the age of 25, or
 - (b) if earlier, informs the local authority that he or she no longer wants a personal adviser.
- (4) The local authority must—
 - (a) carry out an assessment in relation to the former relevant child under subsection (5), and
 - (b) prepare a pathway plan for the former relevant child.
- (5) An assessment under this subsection is an assessment of the needs of the former relevant child with a view to determining—

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- (a) whether any services offered by the local authority (under this Act or otherwise) may assist in meeting his or her needs, and
 - (b) if so, what advice and support it would be appropriate for the local authority to provide for the purpose of helping the former relevant child to obtain those services.
- (6) The local authority must provide the former relevant child with advice and support that it would be appropriate to provide as mentioned in subsection (5)(b).
- (7) Where a former relevant child to whom this section applies is not receiving advice and support under this section, the local authority must offer such advice and support—
- (a) as soon as possible after he or she reaches the age of 21, and
 - (b) at least once in every 12 months.
- (8) In this section “former relevant child” has the meaning given by section 23C(1).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23CZB inserted (1.4.2018) by [Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 3(2), 70(2)**; [S.I. 2018/346](#), **reg. 4(c)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(1A)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(3)
- s. 4(1C) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(4)
- s. 4ZA(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(3)
- s. 4ZA(3A) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(4)
- s. 8(4)(k) inserted by 2021 c. 17 s. 52(1)
- s. 31A(4A) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 15(2)(b)