



# Children Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 41

### PART III

#### [<sup>F1</sup>SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND]

*[<sup>F1</sup>Independent reviewing officers*

#### [<sup>F1</sup> <sup>F2</sup>26A] **Advocacy services**

- (1) Every local authority shall make arrangements for the provision of assistance to—
  - (a) persons who make or intend to make representations under section 24D; and
  - (b) children who make or intend to make representations under section 26.
- (2) The assistance provided under the arrangements shall include assistance by way of representation.
- <sup>F3</sup>( 2A ) . . . . .
- (3) The arrangements—
  - (a) shall secure that a person may not provide assistance if he is a person who is prevented from doing so by regulations made by the [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State]; and
  - (b) shall comply with any other provision made by the regulations in relation to the arrangements.
- (4) The [<sup>F5</sup>Secretary of State] may make regulations requiring local authorities to monitor the steps that they have taken with a view to ensuring that they comply with regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3).
- (5) Every local authority shall give such publicity to their arrangements for the provision of assistance under this section as they consider appropriate.]]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 25A, 25B and cross-heading inserted (1.9.2009 for certain purposes for E., 26.4.2010 for certain purposes for W., and and 1.4.2011 otherwise for E.) by [Children and Young Persons Act 2008 \(c. 23\)](#), [ss. 10\(1\)](#), 44; [S.I. 2009/2273](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2010/1329](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2010/2981](#), [art. 4\(c\)](#) (with [art. 5](#))
- F2** S. 26A inserted (30.1.2004 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.2004) by [2002 c. 38](#), ss. 119, 148 (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); [S.I. 2003/3079](#), [art. 2\(3\)\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F3** S. 26A(2A) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [92\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 26A(3)(a) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [92\(b\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 26A(4) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [92\(b\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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\(2\)\(b\)](#)