



Children (Scotland) Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 36

PART II

PROMOTION OF CHILDREN'S WELFARE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND BY CHILDREN'S HEARINGS ETC.

CHAPTER I

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Provision of services

[^{F1}23A Sections 17, 22 and 26A: consideration of wellbeing

- (1) This section applies where a local authority is exercising a function under or by virtue of section 17, 22 or 26A of this Act.
- (2) The local authority must have regard to the general principle that functions should be exercised in relation to children and young people in a way which is designed to safeguard, support and promote their wellbeing.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (2) above, the local authority is to assess the wellbeing of a child or young person by reference to the extent to which the matters listed in section 96(2) of the 2014 Act are or, as the case may be, would be satisfied in relation to the child or young person.
- (4) In assessing the wellbeing of a child or young person as mentioned in subsection (3) above, a local authority is to have regard to the guidance issued under section 96(3) of the 2014 Act.
- (5) In this section, "the 2014 Act" means the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23A inserted (S.) (31.8.2016) by [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 95, 102(3)**; [S.S.I. 2016/60](#), art. 2(b)

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

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). These Regulations never came into effect, having been revoked before coming into force by [S.I. 2010/1906, reg. 2](#))

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

- [s. 3\(3A\)\(ba\)](#) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 25](#)
- [s. 4B](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 28\(2\)](#)
- [s. 6\(1A\)-\(1D\)](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- [s. 10\(1A\)](#) inserted by [2024 asp 2 Sch. 1 para. 18\(b\)](#)
- [s. 11\(14\)](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- [s. 11B11C](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11B\(2\)](#) power to amend conferred by [2020 asp 16 s. 32](#)
- [s. 11D](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11D\(3\)](#) power to amend conferred by [2020 asp 16 s. 32](#)
- [s. 11E](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11F](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11G](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 22\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11ZA11ZB](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- [s. 11ZA\(2A\)](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- [s. 11ZA\(3\)\(f\)](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 16\(2\)](#)
- [s. 16\(1A\)](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- [s. 16\(2\)-\(2B\)](#) substituted for [s. 16\(2\)](#) by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(6\)](#)
- [s. 100A](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 21\(2\)](#)
- [s. 101D](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- [s. 101E](#) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 12\(2\)](#)