



Children Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 31

PART 2

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ENGLAND

General

10 Co-operation to improve well-being

- (1) Each children's services authority in England must make arrangements to promote co-operation between—
 - (a) the authority;
 - (b) each of the authority's relevant partners; and
 - (c) such other persons or bodies as the authority consider appropriate, being persons or bodies of any nature who exercise functions or are engaged in activities in relation to children in the authority's area.
- (2) The arrangements are to be made with a view to improving the well-being of children in the authority's area so far as relating to—
 - (a) physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
 - (b) protection from harm and neglect;
 - (c) education, training and recreation;
 - (d) the contribution made by them to society;
 - (e) social and economic well-being.
- (3) In making arrangements under this section a children's services authority in England must have regard to the importance of parents and other persons caring for children in improving the well-being of children.
- (4) For the purposes of this section each of the following is a relevant partner of a children's services authority in England—
 - (a) where the authority is a county council for an area for which there is also a district council, the district council;

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- (b) the police authority and the chief officer of police for a police area any part of which falls within the area of the children's services authority;
 - (c) a local probation board for an area any part of which falls within the area of the authority;
 - (d) a youth offending team for an area any part of which falls within the area of the authority;
 - (e) a Strategic Health Authority and Primary Care Trust for an area any part of which falls within the area of the authority;
 - (f) a person providing services under section 114 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21) in any part of the area of the authority;
 - (g) the Learning and Skills Council for England.
- (5) The relevant partners of a children's services authority in England must co-operate with the authority in the making of arrangements under this section.
- (6) A children's services authority in England and any of their relevant partners may for the purposes of arrangements under this section—
- (a) provide staff, goods, services, accommodation or other resources;
 - (b) establish and maintain a pooled fund.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6) a pooled fund is a fund—
- (a) which is made up of contributions by the authority and the relevant partner or partners concerned; and
 - (b) out of which payments may be made towards expenditure incurred in the discharge of functions of the authority and functions of the relevant partner or partners.
- (8) A children's services authority in England and each of their relevant partners must in exercising their functions under this section have regard to any guidance given to them for the purpose by the Secretary of State.
- (9) Arrangements under this section may include arrangements relating to—
- (a) persons aged 18 and 19;
 - (b) persons over the age of 19 who are receiving services under sections 23C to 24D of the Children Act 1989 (c. 41);
 - (c) persons over the age of 19 but under the age of 25 who have a learning difficulty, within the meaning of section 13 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000, and are receiving services under that Act.