



# Children and Adoption Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 20

### PART 1

#### ORDERS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN IN FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

##### *Risk assessments*

#### 7 Risk assessments

After section 16 of the Children Act 1989 (c. 41) insert—

##### **“16A Risk assessments**

- (1) This section applies to the following functions of officers of the Service or Welsh family proceedings officers—
  - (a) any function in connection with family proceedings in which the court has power to make an order under this Part with respect to a child or in which a question with respect to such an order arises;
  - (b) any function in connection with an order made by the court in such proceedings.
- (2) If, in carrying out any function to which this section applies, an officer of the Service or a Welsh family proceedings officer is given cause to suspect that the child concerned is at risk of harm, he must—
  - (a) make a risk assessment in relation to the child, and
  - (b) provide the risk assessment to the court.
- (3) A risk assessment, in relation to a child who is at risk of suffering harm of a particular sort, is an assessment of the risk of that harm being suffered by the child.”

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**Commencement Information**

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