

*These notes refer to the Children and Families Act 2014
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION

Wales

Part 1: Adoption and contact

39. [Section 1](#) amends section 98(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 so that regulations can make provision to facilitate contact between persons with a prescribed relationship to a person adopted before 30 December 2005 and the adopted person's birth relatives. Regulations will be made by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
40. In relation to section 7 and Schedule 1 see paragraphs 70 to 79.
41. [Sections 8](#) and [9](#) of the Act amend provisions in the Children Act 1989 and the Adoption and Children Act 2002 which deal with contact between a child in the care of the local authority and their birth family and certain other people. Family proceedings are non-devolved matters and so the provisions relating to these apply to Wales. Adoption policy and functions of local authorities in relation to adoption are matters devolved to the Welsh Government and the provisions which relate to local authorities' duties in relation to contact in the Children Act 1989 (other than section 7(2)) do not apply to Wales.