CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

PART 5 – WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Section 102: Application of suspension etc powers to establishments and agencies in England

426. This section makes available to the Chief Inspector the powers in sections 14A and 20B of the Care Standards Act 2000 to suspend a person's registration in respect of an establishment or agency in England. At present these powers are only available to Welsh Ministers in respect of establishments or agencies in Wales. If a registered person continued to operate a setting whilst suspended, they would commit a criminal offence. This section clarifies the Chief Inspector's enforcement powers so action can be taken if, for example, it has serious concerns about the safety and care provided by a regulated setting, such as a children's home, that require an urgent response.