# **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### Part 6 - the Children's Commissioner

## Section 114: Children living away from home or receiving social care

- 453. This section inserts a new section 8A which defines, for the purposes of the Commissioner's functions, specific groups of children and young people whom the Commissioner:
  - Should have particular regard to, when discharging the Commissioner's primary function (as set out in section 2(4));
  - Should have particular regard to, when taking steps to involve children in the discharge of the Commissioner's primary function (as set out in section 2B);
  - Can provide advice and assistance to (as set out in section 2D);
  - Should have particular regard to, when consulting on the Commissioner's business plan (as set out in section 7B(5)).
- 454. The annual report must also set out how the Commissioner has had particular regard to this group, in exercising his or her functions.
- 455. The children defined by this section includes all those children and young people who previously fell under the remit of the Children's Rights Director.