



# Children and Families Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 6

### PART 3

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

##### *Information and advice*

#### **31 Co-operating in specific cases: local authority functions**

- (1) This section applies where a local authority in England requests the co-operation of any of the following persons and bodies in the exercise of a function under this Part—
- (a) another local authority;
  - (b) a youth offending team;
  - (c) the person in charge of any relevant youth accommodation;
  - (d) [<sup>F1</sup>NHS England];
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(e) an integrated care board;]
  - (f) a Local Health Board;
  - (g) an NHS trust or NHS foundation trust.
- (2) The person or body must comply with the request, unless the person or body considers that doing so would—
- (a) be incompatible with the duties of the person or body, or
  - (b) otherwise have an adverse effect on the exercise of the functions of the person or body.
- (3) A person or body that decides not to comply with a request under subsection (1) must give the authority that made the request written reasons for the decision.
- (4) Regulations may provide that, where a person or body is under a duty to comply with a request to co-operate with a local authority in securing an EHC needs assessment, a detained person's EHC needs assessment or the preparation of an EHC plan, the person

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or body must comply with the request within a prescribed period, unless a prescribed exception applies.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in [s. 31](#) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(2); [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F2** [S. 31\(1\)\(e\)](#) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 203**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** [S. 31](#) in force at 1.4.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 3(a)**
- I2** [S. 31](#) in force at 1.9.2014 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 7(a)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2014/2270](#) (as amended (1.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/505](#) and (1.9.2015) by [S.I. 2015/1619](#)))

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