



Children and Families Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 6

PART 3

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

Appeals, mediation and dispute resolution

56 Mediation: supplementary

- (1) Regulations may make provision for the purposes of sections 52 to 55, in particular—
- (a) about giving notice;
 - (b) imposing time limits;
 - (c) enabling a local authority or commissioning body to take prescribed steps following the conclusion of mediation;
 - (d) about who may attend mediation;
 - (e) where a child's parent is a party to mediation, requiring the mediator to take reasonable steps to ascertain the views of the child;
 - (f) about the provision of advocacy and other support services for the parent or young person;
 - (g) requiring a local authority or commissioning body to pay reasonable travel expenses and other expenses of a prescribed description, up to any prescribed limit;
 - (h) about exceptions to the requirement in section 55(3);
 - (i) about the training, qualifications and experience of mediators and mediation advisers;
 - (j) conferring powers or imposing requirements on local authorities, commissioning bodies, mediators and mediation advisers.
- (2) In section 55 and this section “mediation adviser” means an independent person who can provide information and advice about pursuing mediation.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 56. (See end of Document for details)

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person is not independent if he or she is employed by any of the following—
- (a) a local authority in England;
 - [^{F1}(b) an integrated care board;]
 - (c) [^{F2}NHS England].
- (4) In this section “commissioning body” means a body that is under a duty to arrange health care provision of any kind.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 56(3)(b) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 205**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch.](#) (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F2** Words in s. 56 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)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 56(1)(f) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(b), 64(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 2**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 56 in force at 1.4.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 3(h)**
- I2** S. 56 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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