

# Children and Social Work Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 16

### PART 1

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#### *Corporate parenting principles for English local authorities*

### **1 Corporate parenting principles**

- (1) A local authority in England must, in carrying out functions in relation to the children and young people mentioned in subsection (2), have regard to the need—
- (a) to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people;
  - (b) to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings;
  - (c) to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people;
  - (d) to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners;
  - (e) to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people;
  - (f) for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work;
  - (g) to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.
- (2) The children and young people mentioned in this subsection are—

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- (a) children who are looked after by a local authority, within the meaning given by section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989;
  - (b) relevant children within the meaning given by section 23A(2) of that Act;
  - (c) persons aged under 25 who are former relevant children within the meaning given by section 23C(1) of that Act.
- (3) In this section—
- “local authority in England” means—
- (a) a county council in England;
  - (b) a district council;
  - (c) a London borough council;
  - (d) the Common Council of the City of London (in their capacity as a local authority);
  - (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
  - (f) a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;
- “relevant partners”, in relation to a local authority, has the meaning given by section 10(4) of the Children Act 2004.
- (4) A local authority in England must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State as to the performance of the duty under subsection (1).