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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 890**

**Arrangements for Placement of  
Children (General) Regulations 1991**

**Notification of arrangements**

5.—(1) The responsible authority shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, notify the following persons in writing of the arrangements to place a child, before the placement is made—

- (a) any person an indication of whose wishes and feelings have been sought under section 22(4), section 61(2) or section 64(2) of the Act (consultation prior to decision making in respect of children looked after by a local authority, provided with accommodation by a voluntary organisation or in a registered children's home);
- (b) the district health authority for the district in which the child is living;
- (c) the local education authority for the area in which the child is living;
- (d) the child's registered medical practitioner;
- (e) the local authority for the area in which the child is living where the child is not placed by such an authority;
- (f) the area authority;
- (g) any person, not being an officer of a local authority, who is caring for the child immediately before the arrangements are made;
- (h) except in a care case, any person in whose favour a contact order is in force with respect to the child, and
- (i) in a care case, any person who has contact with the child pursuant to section 34 of the Act (contact with a child in care by parents etc) or to an order under that section.

(2) Where it is not practicable to give the notification before the placement, it shall be given as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

(3) The responsible authority shall send a copy of the arrangements referred to in regulation 3 or such part of the arrangements as they consider will not prejudice the welfare of the child with the notification referred to in paragraph (1) but in the case of notification to those specified in paragraph (1)(b) to (i) they shall send details of only such part of the arrangements as they consider those persons need to know.