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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3262**

**The Arrangements to Look After  
Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996**

**Duty of local authority to make a care plan in respect of a child to be looked after or looked after by them**

3.—(1) Before a child begins to be looked after by a local authority, the authority shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, make a care plan to address the immediate and longer-term needs of the child with a view to safeguarding and promoting his welfare.

(2) In drawing up any care plan a local authority shall—

- (a) in the case of any child to be placed, so far as is reasonably practicable before placing, obtain and record in writing the information relating to the child specified in Schedule 1;
- (b) take into account all information available to them relevant to the performance of their duties under section 17(1) to (5) of the Act.