
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Special Guardianship Regulations 2005

PART 2

SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES

CHAPTER 1

PROVISION OF SERVICES

Prescribed services

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 14F(1)(b) of the Act the following services are prescribed as special guardianship support services (in addition to counselling, advice and information)—

- (a) financial support payable under Chapter 2;
- (b) services to enable groups of—
 - (i) relevant children;
 - (ii) special guardians;
 - (iii) prospective special guardians; and
 - (iv) parents of relevant children,to discuss matters relating to special guardianship;
- (c) assistance, including mediation services, in relation to arrangements for contact between a relevant child and—
 - (i) his parent or a relative of his; or
 - (ii) any other person with whom such a child has a relationship which appears to the local authority to be beneficial to the welfare of the child having regard to the factors specified in section 1(3) of the Act;
- (d) services in relation to the therapeutic needs of a relevant child;
- (e) assistance for the purpose of ensuring the continuance of the relationship between a relevant child and a special guardian or prospective special guardian, including—
 - (i) training for that person to meet any special needs of that child;
 - (ii) subject to paragraph (3), respite care;
 - (iii) mediation in relation to matters relating to special guardianship orders.

(2) The services prescribed in paragraph (1)(b) to (e) may include giving assistance in cash.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(e)(ii) respite care that consists of the provision of accommodation must be accommodation provided by or on behalf of a local authority under section 23 of the Act (accommodation of looked after children) or by a voluntary organisation under section 59 of the Act.