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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1019**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Protected Areas and Linked Childcare  
Households) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**Amendments relating to provision of childcare**

**3.—(1)** In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020—

- (a) in regulation 3(1)—
  - (i) after the definition of “elite sportsperson” insert—
    - ““informal childcare” means any form of care for a child aged 13 or under provided by someone other than a person doing so in their role as a person registered to provide childcare under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 and includes education for a child aged 13 or under and any other supervised activity for a child aged 13 or under;
    - “linked childcare household” has the meaning given in regulation 6A;”;
- (b) in regulation 5(2)(e)(iii), after “2006” insert “or informal childcare provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household”;
- (c) in regulation 6(1)(a), after “1984” insert “, except where the households are linked for the purpose of being linked childcare households”;
- (d) after regulation 6 insert—

**“Linked childcare households**

**6A.—(1)** Where a household includes at least one child aged 13 or under (“the first household”), that household may link with one other household (“the second household”) for the purpose of the second household providing informal childcare to the child aged 13 or under in the first household provided that—

- (a) neither the first household nor the second household are linked with any other household for the purpose of providing informal childcare for the purpose of these Regulations or any other Regulations made under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984; and
  - (b) all the adult members of both households agree.
- (2) The first household and the second household are “linked childcare households” in relation to each other.
- (3) The first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households when neither household includes a child aged 13 or under.
- (4) Once the first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households, neither household may be a linked childcare household with any other household.”.

(2) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull) Regulations 2020—

- (a) in regulation 3(1), after the definition of “elite sportsperson” insert—
  - ““informal childcare” means any form of care for a child aged 13 or under provided by someone other than a person doing so in their role as a person registered to provide childcare under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 and includes education for a child aged 13 or under and any other supervised activity for a child aged 13 or under;
  - “linked childcare household” has the meaning given in regulation 6A;”;
- (b) in regulation 5(2)(e)(iii), after “2006” insert “or informal childcare provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household”;
- (c) in regulation 6(1)(a), after “1984” insert “, except where the households are linked for the purpose of being linked childcare households”;
- (d) after regulation 6 insert—

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(2) The first household and the second household are “linked childcare households” in relation to each other.

(3) The first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households when neither household includes a child aged 13 or under.

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(3) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020—

- (a) in regulation 1(4), after the definition of “elite sportsperson” insert—
  - ““informal childcare” means any form of care for a child aged 13 or under provided by someone other than a person doing so in their role as a person registered to provide childcare under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 and includes education for a child aged 13 or under and any other supervised activity for a child aged 13 or under;
  - “linked childcare household” has the meaning given in regulation 6A;”;
- (b) in regulation 5(2)(e)(iii), after “2006” insert “or informal childcare provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household”;
- (c) in regulation 6(1)(a), after “1984” insert “, except where the households are linked for the purpose of being linked childcare households”;
- (d) after regulation 6 insert—

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- (a) neither the first household nor the second household are linked with any other household for the purpose of providing informal childcare for the purpose of these Regulations or any other Regulations made under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984; and
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(4) Once the first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households, neither household may be a linked childcare household with any other household.”.

(4) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020(1)—

- (a) in regulation 1(3), after the definition of “elite sportsperson” insert—
  - ““informal childcare” means any form of care for a child aged 13 or under provided by someone other than a person doing so in their role as a person registered to provide childcare under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 and includes education for a child aged 13 or under and any other supervised activity for a child aged 13 or under;
  - “linked childcare household” has the meaning given in regulation 6A;”.
- (b) in regulation 5(2)(e)(iii), after “2006” insert “or informal childcare provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household”;
- (c) in regulation 6(1)(a), after “1984” insert “, except where the households are linked for the purpose of being linked childcare households”;
- (d) after regulation 6 insert—

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(2) The first household and the second household are “linked childcare households” in relation to each other.

(3) The first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households when neither household includes a child aged 13 or under.

(4) Once the first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households, neither household may be a linked childcare household with any other household.”.

(5) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East of England) Regulations 2020—

(a) in regulation 1(3), after the definition of “elite sportsperson” insert—

““informal childcare” means any form of care for a child aged 13 or under provided by someone other than a person doing so in their role as a person registered to provide childcare under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 and includes education for a child aged 13 or under and any other supervised activity for a child aged 13 or under;

“linked childcare household” has the meaning given in regulation 7A;”.

(b) in regulation 6(2)(e)(iii), after “2006” insert “, provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household;”;

(c) in regulation 7(1)(a), after “1984” insert “, except where the households are linked for the purpose of being linked childcare households”;

(d) after regulation 7 insert—

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7A.—(1) Where a household includes at least one child aged 13 or under (“the first household”), that household may link with one other household (“the second household”) for the purpose of the second household providing informal childcare to the child aged 13 or under in the first household provided that—

(a) neither the first household nor the second household are linked with any other household for the purpose of providing informal childcare for the purpose of these Regulations or any other Regulations made under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984; and

(b) all the adult members of both households agree.

(2) The first household and the second household are “linked childcare households” in relation to each other.

(3) The first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households when neither household includes a child aged 13 or under.

(4) Once the first household and the second household cease to be linked childcare households, neither household may be a linked childcare household with any other household.”.