



# Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 7

### SAFEGUARDING

#### *Children at risk*

#### **130 Duty to report children at risk**

- (1) If a relevant partner of a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a child at risk and appears to be within the authority's area, it must inform the local authority of that fact.
- (2) If the child that the relevant partner has reasonable cause to suspect is a child at risk appears to be within the area of a local authority other than one of which it is a relevant partner, it must inform that other local authority.
- (3) If a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child within its area at any time is a child at risk and is living or proposing to live within the area of another local authority (or a local authority in England), it must inform that other authority.
- (4) In this section, “a child at risk” is a child who—
  - (a) is experiencing or is at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm, and
  - (b) has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs).
- (5) For the purposes of this section a relevant partner of a local authority is—
  - (a) a person who is a relevant partner of the local authority for the purposes of section 162;
  - (b) a youth offending team for an area any part of which falls within the area of the authority.

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(6) For provision about a local authority's duty to investigate children at risk, see section 47 of the Children Act 1989.

**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 130 in force at 6.4.2016 by [S.I. 2016/412](#), **art. 2** (with [art. 4](#), [Schs. 1, 2](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 162(4)(ga) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 163(4A) inserted by [2014 c. 23 s. 75\(10\)](#) (Effect inserting (4) not applied at s. 163 as it appears to relate to s. 194 in view of the title of the section as cited i.e. "ordinary residence". In s. 194 another (4), identically worded, is inserted on the same date by S.I. 2016/413, regs. 2(1), 316(a))