



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 4

MEETING NEEDS

Direct payments

51 Direct payments to meet a child's needs

- (1) Regulations may require or allow a local authority to make payments to a person towards the cost of meeting a child's needs for care and support under section 37, 38 or 39.
- (2) But regulations under subsection (1) may not require or allow payments to be made unless conditions 1 to 4 are met.
- (3) Condition 1 is that the payments are to be made to a person (“P”) who is—
 - (a) a person with parental responsibility for a child who has needs for care and support, or
 - (b) a child who has needs for care and support.
- (4) Condition 2 is that—
 - (a) where P is an adult or a child aged 16 or 17, P has, or the local authority believes that P has, capacity to consent to the making of the payments;
 - (b) where P is a child aged under 16, the local authority is satisfied that P has sufficient understanding to make an informed decision about receiving direct payments.
- (5) Condition 3 is that the local authority is satisfied that—
 - (a) making the payments is an appropriate way of meeting the child's needs,
 - (b) the well-being of the child will be safeguarded and promoted by the making of the payments, and

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- (c) P is capable of managing the payments (either by himself or herself or with the support that is available to P).
- (6) Condition 4 is that P has consented to the making of the payments.
- (7) A payment under this section is referred to in this Act as a “direct payment”.

Commencement Information

II S. 51 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))