

SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL- BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - Looked after and Accommodated Children

Section 105 - Keeping in touch

302. **Section 105** requires a local authority to take reasonable steps to keep in touch with persons who fall within the definition of a category 2 or 3 young person, whether or not that person is still physically present in that local authority's area. If the local authority loses contact with a category 2 or 3 young person, it must take reasonable steps to re-establish contact, and in the case of a category 2 young person, must continue to do so until it succeeds. Subsection (4) specifies the circumstances when the duties under this section to category 3 young persons cease.
303. Subsection (5) requires a local authority to take reasonable steps to re-establish contact with a category 6 young person (who was looked after by the local authority) if the local authority has lost touch with that person. This section restates provision made by sections 23B and 23C of the Children Act 1989 (in respect of category 2 and 3 young persons) and section 24 (in respect of category 6 young persons).