

*These notes refer to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales)
Act 2014 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2014*

SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL- BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - Looked after and Accommodated Children

Section 124 - Arrangements to assist children to live outside England and Wales

352. **Section 124** provides that a local authority may only arrange for a child in its care to live outside England or Wales with the approval of the court.
353. Subsection (3) makes provision about the considerations which a court should have in mind before making a determination under subsection (1).
354. Subsections (4) and (5) contain provision to deal with situations where a court may dispense with consent required under subsection (3), such as where it is satisfied that a child does not have sufficient understanding to give or withhold their consent.
355. **Section 124** also makes provision as to the effect of the court's approval during an appeal period and disapplying the section to circumstances in which a local authority is placing a child for adoption with his or her prospective adopters.
356. This section is based on provision made in paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989.