



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 9

CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Co-operation

163 Arrangements to promote co-operation: children

(1) Section 25 of the Children Act 2004 (co-operation to improve well-being: Wales) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Each local authority in Wales must also make arrangements to promote co-operation between officers of the authority who exercise its functions.”

(3) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) The arrangements under subsections (1) and (1A) are to be made with a view to—

- (a) improving the well-being of children within the authority’s area, in particular those with needs for care and support;
- (b) improving the quality of care and support for children provided in the authority’s area (including the outcomes that are achieved from such provision);
- (c) protecting children who are experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989).”

(4) In subsection (4)—

- (a) after paragraph (a) insert—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- “(aa) any other local authority in Wales with which the authority agrees that it would be appropriate to co-operate under this section;”;
 - (b) in paragraph (f) for “Assembly” substitute “Welsh Ministers” and for “it is” substitute “they are”;
 - (c) after paragraph (f) insert—
 - “(g) such a person, or a person of such description, as regulations made by the Welsh Ministers may specify.”
- (5) After subsection (4) insert—
 - “(4A) Regulations under subsection (4)(g) may not specify a Minister of the Crown or the governor of a prison or secure training centre (or, in the case of a contracted out prison or secure training centre, its director) unless the Secretary of State consents.”
- (6) In subsections (8) and (9) for “Assembly” substitute “Welsh Ministers”.
- (7) After subsection (10) insert—
 - “(11) In this section—
 - “care and support” means—
 - (a) care;
 - (b) support;
 - (c) both care and support;
 - “well-being” means well-being in relation to any of the following—
 - (a) physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
 - (b) protection from abuse and neglect;
 - (c) education, training and recreation;
 - (d) domestic, family and personal relationships;
 - (e) contribution made to society;
 - (f) securing rights and entitlements;
 - (g) social and economic well-being;
 - (h) suitability of living accommodation;
 - (i) physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development;
 - and it includes “welfare” as that word is interpreted for the purposes of the Children Act 1989.”
- (8) In consequence of the amendment made by subsection (4)(b), in section 66 of the Children Act 2004 (regulations and orders), in subsection (7), after “section” insert “25 or”.