



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 2

AMENDMENTS OF THE CHILDREN ACT 1989

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After section 26 of the 1989 Act there is inserted—

“26A Advocacy services

- (1) Every local authority shall make arrangements for the provision of assistance to—
 - (a) persons who make or intend to make representations under section 24D; and
 - (b) children who make or intend to make representations under section 26.
- (2) The assistance provided under the arrangements shall include assistance by way of representation.
- (3) The arrangements—
 - (a) shall secure that a person may not provide assistance if he is a person who is prevented from doing so by regulations made by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) shall comply with any other provision made by the regulations in relation to the arrangements.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make regulations requiring local authorities to monitor the steps that they have taken with a view to ensuring that they comply with regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3).
- (5) Every local authority shall give such publicity to their arrangements for the provision of assistance under this section as they consider appropriate.”