



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 3

PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

Placement of children by adoption agency for adoption

27 Contact: supplementary

- (1) An order under section 26—
 - (a) has effect while the adoption agency is authorised to place the child for adoption or the child is placed for adoption, but
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by the court on an application by the child, the agency or a person named in the order.
- (2) The agency may refuse to allow the contact that would otherwise be required by virtue of an order under that section if—
 - (a) it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to safeguard or promote the child's welfare, and
 - (b) the refusal is decided upon as a matter of urgency and does not last for more than seven days.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to—
 - (a) the steps to be taken by an agency which has exercised its power under subsection (2),
 - (b) the circumstances in which, and conditions subject to which, the terms of any order under section 26 may be departed from by agreement between the agency and any person for whose contact with the child the order provides,

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- (c) notification by an agency of any variation or suspension of arrangements made (otherwise than under an order under that section) with a view to allowing any person contact with the child.
- (4) Before making a placement order the court must—
- (a) consider the arrangements which the adoption agency has made, or proposes to make, for allowing any person contact with the child, and
 - (b) invite the parties to the proceedings to comment on those arrangements.
- (5) An order under section 26 may provide for contact on any conditions the court considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 27(1)(2)(4)(5) in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)
- I2** S. 27(3) in force at 7.2.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/252](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)
- I3** S. 27(3) in force at 7.12.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3203](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(f\)](#)

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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. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))