



Children Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 31

PART 2

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ENGLAND

Inspections of children's services

21 Framework

- (1) The Chief Inspector of Schools must devise a Framework for Inspection of Children's Services ("the Framework").
- (2) The Framework must, for the purpose specified in subsection (3), set out principles to be applied by any person or body conducting a relevant assessment.
- (3) The purpose referred to in subsection (2) is to ensure that relevant assessments properly evaluate and report on the extent to which children's services improve the well-being of children and relevant young persons.
- (4) The principles in the Framework may—
 - (a) include principles relating to the organisation of the results of any relevant assessment;
 - (b) make different provision for different cases.
- (5) For the purposes of subsections (2) to (4) a relevant assessment is an assessment conducted under any enactment in relation to any children's services.
- (6) When devising the Framework, the Chief Inspector of Schools must consult the other persons and bodies to which section 20 applies.
- (7) The Chief Inspector of Schools must publish the Framework, but before doing so must—
 - (a) consult such persons and bodies, other than those referred to in subsection (6), as he thinks fit; and
 - (b) obtain the consent of the Secretary of State.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children Act 2004, Section 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (8) The Chief Inspector of Schools may at any time revise the Framework (and subsections (6) and (7) apply in relation to revisions to the Framework as to the original Framework).

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 21 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 67(2); s. 21 in force for E. at 1.3.2005 by [S.I. 2005/394](#), **art. 2(1)**

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