



Children Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 31

PART 3

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN WALES

General

27 [F¹Responsibility for functions under section 25]

- (1) A [F²local authority] in Wales must—
- (a) appoint an officer, to be known as the “lead director for children and young people’s services”, for the purposes of co-ordinating and overseeing arrangements made under [F³section 25]; and
 - (b) designate one of their members, to be known as the “lead member for children and young people’s services”, to have as his special care the discharge of the authority’s functions under [F⁴that section].
- (2) A Local Health Board must—
- (a) appoint an officer, to be known as the Board’s “lead officer for children and young people’s services”, for the purposes of the Board’s functions under section 25; and
 - (b) designate one of the Board’s members who is not an officer as its “lead member for children and young people’s services” to have the discharge of those functions as his special care.
- (3) An NHS trust to which section 25 applies must—
- (a) appoint an executive director, to be known as the trust’s “lead executive director for children and young people’s services”, for the purposes of the trust’s functions under that section; and
 - (b) designate one of the trust’s non-executive directors as its “lead non-executive director for children and young people’s services” to have the discharge of those functions as his special care.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children Act 2004, Section 27. (See end of Document for details)

- (4) Each [^{F2}local authority] in Wales, Local Health Board and NHS trust to which section 25 applies must have regard to any guidance given to them by the Assembly in relation to—
- (a) their functions under this section;
 - (b) the responsibilities of the persons appointed or designated by them under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3 s. 27 crossheading substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 56(2), [Sch. 4 para. 14\(c\)](#); S.I. 2016/86, art. 3
- F2** Words in Pt. 3 substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), arts. 1, 5(1), [Sch. 2 para. 55\(5\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 27(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 56(2), [Sch. 4 para. 14\(a\)](#); S.I. 2016/86, art. 3
- F4** Words in s. 27(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 56(2), [Sch. 4 para. 14\(b\)](#); S.I. 2016/86, art. 3
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 27 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 67(3); s. 27 in force for W. at 1.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/885](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

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