



# Children Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 31

### PART 1

#### CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

#### **8 Annual reports**

- (1) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year the Children's Commissioner must make a report on—
  - (a) the way in which he has discharged his functions <sup>F1</sup>...; [<sup>F2</sup>and]
  - (b) what he has found in the course of exercising those functions during the year;  
<sup>F3</sup> . . .
  - (c) . . . . .
- (2) The Children's Commissioner must in particular under subsection (1)(a) include<sup>F4</sup>—
  - (a) a summary of the Commissioner's activities and an analysis of the effectiveness of those activities in promoting and protecting the rights of children,
  - (b) an account of what the Commissioner has done in the discharge of his or her functions in relation to children who are within section 8A (children living away from home or receiving social care),
  - (c) an account of the steps taken by the Commissioner to consult children or otherwise involve them in the discharge of his or her functions, and
  - (d) a summary of how the Commissioner has taken into account the results of any such consultation and anything else resulting from involving children in the discharge of his or her functions.]
- (3) Where the Children's Commissioner makes a report under this section—
  - (a) he must send a copy to the Secretary of State; and
  - (b) [<sup>F5</sup>the Commissioner] must as soon as possible lay a copy before each House of Parliament.
- (4) The Children's Commissioner must publish a report under this section as soon as possible after [<sup>F6</sup>laying] it before each House of Parliament.

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[<sup>F7</sup>(5) If the Children's Commissioner does not consider a report made under this section to be suitable for children, the Commissioner must publish a version of the report which is suitable for children.]

(6) In this section, “financial year” has the same meaning as in paragraph 8 of Schedule 1.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 8(1)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(a)**, 139(5)
- F2** Word in s. 8(1)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(b)**, 139(5)
- F3** S. 8(1)(c) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(c)**, 139(5)
- F4** Words in s. 8(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(3)**, 139(5)
- F5** Words in s. 8(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(4)**, 139(5)
- F6** Word in s. 8(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(5)**, 139(5)
- F7** S. 8(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 113(6)**, 139(5)

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