
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Special Guardianship Regulations 2005

PART 2

SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES

CHAPTER 3

ASSESSMENT AND PLANS

Request for assessment

11.—(1) The following persons are prescribed for the purposes of section 14F(3) of the Act (persons at whose request an assessment must be carried out)—

- (a) a relevant child who is looked after by the local authority or was looked after by the local authority immediately before the making of a special guardianship order;
- (b) a special guardian or prospective special guardian of such a child;
- (c) a parent of such a child.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies if the local authority receive a written request from or, in the case of a child, on behalf of any of the following persons (not being a person falling within paragraph (1)) for an assessment of his needs for special guardianship support services—

- (a) a person mentioned in section 14F(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;
- (b) a child of a special guardian;
- (c) any person whom the local authority consider to have a significant and ongoing relationship with a relevant child.

(3) The local authority must, if they are minded not to carry out an assessment, give the person notice of the proposed decision (including the reasons for it) and must allow him a reasonable opportunity to make representations in relation to that decision.

(4) Where the request of a person for an assessment relates to a particular special guardianship support service, or it appears to the local authority that a person's needs for special guardianship support services may be adequately assessed by reference to a particular special guardianship support service, the local authority may carry out the assessment by reference to that service only.