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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 499**

**The Residential Family Centres (Amendment) Regulations 2013**

**Assessment**

**8.** After regulation 13 (placements) insert—

**“13A. Assessments**

(1) The registered person must ensure that the parents’ capacity to respond to the children’s needs and to safeguard their welfare is monitored or assessed by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.

(2) All assessment or monitoring of parents’ capacity to respond to the children’s needs and to safeguard their welfare must be carried out in accordance with appropriate and generally recognised methods for such assessment and, in particular, having due regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State relating to the assessment of children in need<sup>(1)</sup> and their parents under section 7(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970<sup>(2)</sup>.

(3) The methods of assessment or monitoring must be capable of evaluating the parents’ capacity to change.

(4) The registered person must ensure that conclusions or recommendations are made as a result of the assessment or monitoring and that—

- (a) such conclusions or recommendations are objective and based on verifiable evidence; and
- (b) the evidence on which they are based is capable of being presented in a manner that is clear, accessible and appropriate to the persons who will need to consider them.”.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See section 17(10) of the Children Act 1989 (c.41).

<sup>(2)</sup> 1970 c.42.