

One Minute Guide:

Legislation, regulations, and statutory guidance for Children's Services

What is this about?

Children's Services are governed and lead by a variety of Acts, regulations, and guidance. This OMG is a comprehensive list with links to take you directly to source of reference.

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Acts of Parliament

Children Act 1989

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/contents

Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/35/contents

Adoption and Children Act 2002

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/38/contents

Children Act 2004

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents

Education and Inspections Act 2006

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/40/contents

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents

Children and Young Persons Act 2008

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/23/contents

Equality Act 2010

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents

Children and Families Act 2014

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/contents/enacted

Care Standards Act 2000

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/14/contents

Regulations

Separate sections below cover regulations in relation to fostering and adoption

Visits to Former Children in care in Detention (England) Regulations 2010

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/2797/contents/made

Visits to Children in Long-Term Residential Care Regulations 2011

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/1010/made

The Arrangements for Placement of Children by Voluntary Organisations and Others (England) Regulations 2011

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/582/contents/made

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/694/contents/made

The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/959/contents/made

The Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (Relevant Care Functions) (England) Regulations 2014

www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2014/2407

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015
www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/541/contents/made

The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 1: Court Orders
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-court-orders--2

The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 2: Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (2010)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-care-planning-placement-and-case-review

The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 3: Planning Transition to Adulthood for Care Leavers
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-transition-to-adulthood-for-care-leavers

Statutory guidance

Separate sections below cover statutory guidance in relation to fostering and adoption

Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (2015)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2

Statutory guidance on children who run away and go missing from home or care (2014)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-who-run-away-or-go-missing-from-home-or-care

Statutory guidance: Promoting the Health and Well-being of Children in care (2015)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-the-health-and-wellbeing-of-looked-after-children--2

Short Breaks: statutory guidance on how to safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children using short breaks (2010)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/short-breaks-for-disabled-children

Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations: Local authority responsibilities towards former children in care in custody (2010)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-former-looked-after-children-in-custody

IRO handbook: Statutory guidance for independent reviewing officers (IROs) and local authorities on their functions in relation to case management and review for children in care (2010)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-reviewing-officers-handbook

Statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services (2013)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/Directors-of-childrens-services-roles-and-responsibilities

Sufficiency: Statutory guidance on securing sufficient accommodation for children in care (2010)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/securing-sufficient-accommodation-for-looked-after-children

Promoting the education of children in care: statutory guidance for local authorities (2014)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-the-education-of-looked-after-children

Junior Individual Saving Accounts for Children in care: Statutory guidance for Local Authorities (2012);

www.gov.uk/government/publications/junior-individual-saving-accounts-for-looked-after-children

Special guardianship guidance and regulations (2012)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-guardianship-guidance

Provision of accommodation for 16 and 17 year old young people who may be homeless and/or require accommodation (2010)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/provision-of-accommodation-for-16-and-17-year-olds-who-may-be-homeless-and-or-require-accommodation

Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards

www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-homes-regulations-including-quality-standards-guide

Children missing education: statutory guidance for local authorities, Department for Education, 2013

www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-missing-education

Keeping children safe in education (2015)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2

Designated teacher for looked-after children

www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-teacher-for-looked-after-children

Children's social care: getting the best from complaints

www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-getting-the-best-from-complaints

Placement of looked-after children in EU Member States

www.gov.uk/government/publications/placement-of-looked-after-children-in-eu-member-states

Care of unaccompanied migrant children and child victims of modern slavery (2017)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-of-unaccompanied-and-trafficked-children

Providing advocacy services for children and young people

www.gov.uk/government/publications/advocacy-services-for-children-and-young-people

Additional guidance

Safeguarding children who may have been trafficked: practice guidance (2011)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance

Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation: Supplementary guidance (2009)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-from-sexual-exploitation-supplementary-guidance

Missing Children and Adults strategy (2011) www.gov.uk/government/publications/missing-children-and-adults-strategy

Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners (2015)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice

What to do if you're worried a child is being abused (2015)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-youre-worried-a-child-is-being-abused--2

Children in care and adoption performance tables

www.gov.uk/government/collections/children-in-care-and-adoption-performance-tables

Guidance on the Management, Recording and Investigation of Missing Persons (College of Policing)

www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/major-investigation-and-public-protection/missing-persons/

Tackling child sexual exploitation: action plan (2011)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-action-plan

What to do if you're worried a child is being abused: advice for practitioners (2015)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-you-suspect-a-child-is-being-sexually-exploited

Prospectus: delivering intensive interventions for children in care and those on the edge of care or custody and their families (2011)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/prospectus-delivering-intensive-interventions-for-looked-after-children-and-those-on-the-edge-of-care-or-custody-and-their-families

Improving the Outcomes for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Pupils: Final Report (2010)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-the-outcomes-for-gypsy-roma-and-traveller-pupils-final-report

A framework of outcomes for young people (2012)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/framework-of-outcomes-for-young-people

What works re-engaging young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)? Summary of evidence from the activity agreement pilots and the entry to learning pilots (2010)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-works-re-engaging-young-people-who-are-not-in-education-employment-or-training-neet-summary-of-evidence-from-the-activity-agreement-pilots-an

Maltreated children in the looked after system: a comparison of outcomes for those who go home and those who do not (2010)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/maltreated-children-in-the-looked-after-system-a-comparison-of-outcomes-for-those-who-go-home-and-those-who-do-not

Social mobility indicators (includes attainment gap at ages 11, 16 and 19)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-mobility-indicators/social-mobility-indicators

Care leavers in England data pack (2012)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-leavers-in-england-local-authority-data-pack

Care leaver strategy (2013)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-leaver-strategy

2010 to 2015 government policy: children's social workers

www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-childrens-social-workers/2010-to-2015-government-policy-childrens-social-workers

Staying put: arrangements for care leavers aged 18 and above to stay on with their former foster carers (2013)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-put-arrangements-for-care-leavers-aged-18-years-and-above

Supporting looked-after children with communication needs

www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-looked-after-children-with-communication-needs

Railway Children Reach model: a best practice model which looks at support for those who run away or are missing from home care (before, during and after the incident)

www.railwaychildren.org.uk/our-solution/where-we-work/uk/reach-model

Adoption

Local Authority Social Services Act 1970;

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/42/contents

Adoption Support Services Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/691/contents/made

Disclosure of Adoption Information (Post-Commencement Adoptions) Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/888/contents/made

The Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/389/contents/made

Adoption Support Agencies (England) and Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/2720/contents/made

Adoption Information and Intermediary Services (Pre-Commencement Adoptions) Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/890/contents/made

Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) Regulations 2009

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/395/introduction/made

Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/1711/made?view=plain

Adoption: National Minimum Standards (2011)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-national-minimum-standards

Statutory guidance on adoption (2013)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-statutory-guidance-2013

Right on time: exploring delays in adoption (2012)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/exploring-delays-in-adoption-right-on-time

Regionalising adoption (2015)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/regional-adoption-agencies-programme

Fostering

The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended)

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/581/contents/made

Fostering services: national minimum standards (2011)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/fostering-services-national-minimum-standards

The Children Act 1989 guidance and regulations volume 4: fostering services (2011)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-fostering-services

Assessment and approval of foster carers: amended guidance (2013)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/fostering-services-assessment-and-approval-of-foster-carers

Family and Friends Care: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities (2011)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-family-and-friends-care

Children Act 1989: private fostering
www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-private-fostering

Training, support and development standards for foster care: guidance for managers, supervising social workers (2012)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/training-support-and-development-standards-for-foster-care-evidence-workbook

The Foster Carers' Charter (2011)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/foster-carers-charter

The demographic characteristics of foster carers in the UK: motivations, barriers and messages for recruitment and retention (2012)
www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-demographic-characteristics-of-foster-carers-in-the-uk-motivations-barriers-and-messages-for-recruitment-and-retention

Local safeguarding children board

Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006
www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/90/contents/made

Other Useful Websites

Disclosure and Barring Service
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) website
www.ceop.police.uk/

ChildLine
www.childline.org.uk/pages/home.aspx

NSPCC National Child Trafficking Advice Centre (CTAC) www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-trafficking/

NSPCC ChildLine number (telephone: 0800 1111)
www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/the-work-we-do/childline-services/childline-services-hub_wdh90503.html

Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (PACE)
www.paceuk.info/