

SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL- BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - Looked after and Accommodated Children

Section 114 - Support for category 5 young people and former category 5 young people

320. **Section 114** requires a local authority to consider whether specified conditions are met by young persons who are category 5 or former category 5 young persons to determine the extent and nature of its obligations to provide support to such young persons. The conditions (specified in subsection (2)) are that the young person needs support, and that whoever was looking after the young person does not have the necessary facilities to advise or befriend them. If these conditions apply then the local authority must advise or befriend the young person and may provide support.
321. Subsection (4) sets out the type of support the responsible local authority may provide to a category 5 young person. Support may take the form of contributing to expenses incurred by the young person to enable them to live near their place of work or where they will be seeking employment, or where they are or will be receiving education or training. The local authority may make a grant to enable the young person to meet expenses connected with their education or training. Support may be provided in kind or in cash. Local authorities must provide accommodation during the vacation to a category 5 young person who is pursuing full-time further or higher education when term-time accommodation is unavailable. If accommodation is not provided then the local authority must provide the young person with enough money to secure the accommodation needed.
322. Subsection (6) gives a local authority power to disregard any interruption in the young person's programme of education if it is satisfied the young person will resume the programme as soon as reasonably practicable.
323. This section restates provision made in sections 24A and 24B of the Children Act 1989.