



# Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 4

### MEETING NEEDS

#### *Meeting care and support needs of children*

#### **39 Duty to maintain family contact**

- (1) This section applies to a child—
  - (a) who is within the area of a local authority,
  - (b) whom the local authority considers has needs for care and support in addition to the care and support provided by the child's family,
  - (c) who is living apart from the child's family, and
  - (d) who is not looked after by the local authority.
- (2) If the local authority considers it necessary in order to promote the well-being of the child, it must take such steps as are reasonably practicable to—
  - (a) enable the child to live with the child's family, or
  - (b) promote contact between the child and the child's family.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 39 in force at 6.4.2016 by [S.I. 2016/412](#), **art. 2** (with [art. 4](#), [Schs. 1, 2](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Section 39 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 162(4)(ga) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 163(4A) inserted by [2014 c. 23 s. 75\(10\)](#) (Effect inserting (4) not applied at s. 163 as it appears to relate to s. 194 in view of the title of the section as cited i.e. "ordinary residence". In s. 194 another (4), identically worded, is inserted on the same date by S.I. 2016/413, regs. 2(1), 316(a))