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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

#### [<sup>F1</sup>SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND]

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##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 heading substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), **121**

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##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 2 modified (temp.) (12.2.2009 for E. and 31.3.2010 for W.) by [Children and Young Persons Act 2008 \(c. 23\)](#), ss. 8(3), 44, **Sch. 2 para. 2**; [S.I. 2009/268](#), **art. 3(1)(b)**; [S.I. 2010/749](#), **art. 2(a)**

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##### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 2 wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and [S.I. 1991/828](#), **art. 3(2)**

### PART I

#### PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

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##### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 2 Part I wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and [S.I. 1991/828](#), **art. 3(2)**

*Provision to reduce need for care proceedings etc.*

- 7 Every local authority shall take reasonable steps designed—
- (a) to reduce the need to bring—
    - (i) proceedings for care or supervision orders with respect to children within their area;
    - (ii) criminal proceedings against such children;
    - (iii) any family or other proceedings with respect to such children which might lead to them being placed in the authority's care; or
    - (iv) proceedings under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court with respect to children;
  - (b) to encourage children within their area not to commit criminal offences; and
  - (c) to avoid the need for children within their area to be placed in secure accommodation [<sup>F1</sup>within the meaning given in section 25 and in section 119 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014].

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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. 4(1A)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(3)
- s. 4(1C) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21(4)
- s. 4ZA(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(3)
- s. 4ZA(3A) inserted by 2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22(4)
- s. 8(4)(k) inserted by 2021 c. 17 s. 52(1)
- s. 31A(4A) inserted by 2014 c. 6 s. 15(2)(b)