



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

2014 anaw 4

## PART 6

### LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN

#### *Accommodation duties*

#### **75 General duty of local authority to secure sufficient accommodation for looked after children**

- (1) A local authority must take steps that secure, so far as reasonably practicable, that the local authority is able to provide the children mentioned in subsection (2) with accommodation that—
  - (a) is within the authority's area, and
  - (b) meets the needs of those children.
- (2) The children referred to in subsection (1) are those—
  - (a) that the local authority is looking after,
  - (b) in respect of whom the authority is unable to make arrangements under section 81(2), and
  - (c) whose circumstances are such that it would be consistent with their well-being for them to be provided with accommodation that is in the authority's area.
- (3) In discharging its duty under subsection (1), the local authority must have regard to the benefit of having—
  - (a) a number of accommodation providers in its area that is, in the authority's opinion, sufficient to discharge its duty, and
  - (b) a range of accommodation in its area capable of meeting different needs that is, in its opinion, sufficient to discharge its duty.
- (4) In this section “accommodation providers” means—

*Changes to legislation: Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Section 75 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 July 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. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

- (a) local authority foster parents, and
- (b) children's homes.

---

**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 75 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 75 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 July 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.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**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))