Children Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 31

PART 2

CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ENGLAND

[^{F1}Safeguarding partners for local authority areas

[^{F1}16E   Local arrangements for safeguarding and promoting welfare of children

(1) The safeguarding partners for a local authority area in England must make arrangements for—

    (a)   the safeguarding partners, and

    (b)   any relevant agencies that they consider appropriate,

to work together in exercising their functions, so far as the functions are exercised for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.

(2) The arrangements must include arrangements for the safeguarding partners to work together to identify and respond to the needs of children in the area.

(3) In this section—

        "relevant agency", in relation to a local authority area in England, means a person who—

    (a) is specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State, and

    (b) exercises functions in that area in relation to children;

        "safeguarding partner", in relation to a local authority area in England, means—

    (a) the local authority;

    (b) [^{F2}an integrated care board] for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area;

    (c) the chief officer of police for a police area any part of which falls within the local authority area.]

Textual Amendments

F1   S. 16E and crossheading inserted (19.3.2018 for specified purposes, 29.6.2018 in so far as not already in force) by Children and Social Work Act 2017 (c. 16), **ss. 16**, 70(2); S.I. 2018/346, reg. 3(b); S.I. 2018/497, reg. 3(e)

F2   Words in s. 16E(3) substituted (1.7.2022) by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 76**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children Act 2004, Section 16E.