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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 2874**

**The Children (Leaving Care) (England) Regulations 2001**

**Representations**

**13.**—(1) The Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations 1991<sup>(1)</sup> shall be amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of “complainant”, for “qualifying for advice and assistance” substitute “falling within section 23A, 23C, 24, or 24B(3) of the Act making any representations”;
- (b) in the definition of “representations”, for “24(14)” substitute “24D(1)”.

(3) After regulation 3 (local authority action), there shall be inserted the following new regulation—

**“Local resolution**

**3A.**—(1) Where a local authority receive any representation from a person specified in section 24D(1) they shall—

- (a) provide the person appointed under regulation 3(1) with a written summary of the representation;
- (b) endeavour by informal means to reach a settlement to the satisfaction of the complainant within 14 days; and
- (c) if at the end of 14 days no resolution has been achieved, notify the person appointed under regulation 3(1).”.

(4) In regulation 4 (preliminaries), in paragraph (1) for the words from “a local authority” to “they” substitute—

- “(a) a person to whom it applies is dissatisfied with the outcome of the procedure set out in regulation 3A; or
- (b) a local authority receive representations from any other complainant, except from a person to whom section 26(3)(e) may apply, the local authority”.