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2022 CHAPTER 18

PART 2 **N.I.**

Children order amendments

PROSPECTIVE

Duty to ensure visits to and advice etc. for children **N.I.**

127. After Article 28A of the Children Order (as inserted by section 126) insert—

“Duty to ensure visits to and advice etc. for children

- 28B.**—(1) This Article applies to a child looked after by an authority.
- (2) The authority must—
- (a) ensure that the child is visited by a representative of the authority (“a representative”);
 - (b) arrange for appropriate advice, support and assistance to be available to the child if the child seeks it from the authority.
- (3) The duties imposed by paragraph (2)—
- (a) are to be discharged in accordance with any regulations made for the purposes of this Article by the Department;
 - (b) are subject to any requirement imposed by or under a statutory provision applicable to the place in which the child is accommodated.

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(4) Regulations under this Article for the purposes of paragraph (3)(a) may make provision about—

- (a) the frequency of visits;
- (b) circumstances in which the child must be visited by a representative; and
- (c) the functions of a representative.

(5) In choosing a representative an authority must satisfy itself that the person chosen has the necessary skills and experience to perform the functions of a representative.”.

Commencement Information

II S. 127 not in operation at Royal Assent, see **s. 160(1)**

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- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/412, Sch. 3 (as substituted) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 83](#)