

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under section 12 of the Children Act 2004 and apply to the establishment and operation of one or more information sharing indexes in England.

Regulation 2 requires a children's services authority in England to provide information to the Secretary of State within 14 days if so requested.

Regulation 3 permits disclosure of information by the Secretary of State to a person or body who has been authorised by the Secretary of State to process data on her behalf.

Regulation 4 provides that any disclosure under the regulations 3 or 4, or any provision of information by the Secretary of State, may be made even if a rule of common law might otherwise prohibit or restrict the disclosure or provision of information.

Regulation 5 places certain conditions on the processing of information.

Regulation 6 limits the time that the Secretary of State may keep information to three years.

The Schedule lists the information which must be provided by virtue of regulation 2.