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# Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

# **1970 CHAPTER 42**

# E+W

An Act to make further provision with respect to the organisation, management and administration of local authority social services; to amend the Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962; and for connected purposes. [29th May 1970]

# **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Act: transfer of functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1
- C2 Words of enactment omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), s. 3

# **Commencement Information**

I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see s. 15(4); Act wholly in force at 26.5.1971

# 1 Local authorities. E+W

The local authorities for the purposes of this Act shall be the councils of [F1non-metropolitan counties, metropolitan districts] and London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London [F2but, in relation to Wales, shall be the councils of counties and county boroughs].

# **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Words substituted by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 195(1)
- F2 Words in s. 1 added (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 22(4), Sch. 10 para. 7 (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 3

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C3 S. 1 amended by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 195(3)

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# [F31A Meaning of "social services functions". E+W

For the purposes of this Act the social services functions of a local authority are—

- (a) their functions under the enactments specified in the first column of Schedule 1 to this Act (being the functions which are described in general terms in the second column of that Schedule), and
- (b) such other of their functions as the Secretary of State may designate by an order made under this section.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F3 S. 1A inserted (E.) (26.10.2000) and (W.) (28.7.2001) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 102(3), 108(4)-(7); S.I. 2000/2849, art. 2(a)

2	Local authority to establish social services committee.	E+W
	F4	

#### **Textual Amendments**

F4 S. 2 repealed (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4. 2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(1), 64, 67(7) (e), {Sch. 5 Pt. 4 Note}; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(f)(g); S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(2)(f)(h)

# **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C4 S. 2 saved by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 101(8)(9); amended by Guardianship Act 1973 (c. 29), s. 2(8)

[F53	<b>Business</b>	of Social	Services	Committee.	E+W

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# **Textual Amendments**

- F5 S. 3 substituted by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1), s. 183(1)
- F6 S. 3 repealed (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4.2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(1), 64, 67(7) (e), {Sch. 5 Pt. 4 Note}; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(f)(g); S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(2)(f)(h)

[ <sup>F7</sup> 3A	Power of local authority to refer or delegate to social services committee.	E+W
	F8	

# **Textual Amendments**

- F7 S. 3A inserted by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1), s. 183(2)
- F8 S. 3A repealed (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4.2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(1), 64, 67(7) (e), {Sch. 5 Pt. 4 Note}; S.I. 2005/ 394, {art. 2(2)(f)(g)}; S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(2)(f)(h)

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<sup>F9</sup> 4	Joint committees and sub-committees. E+W
F9	ual Amendments S. 4 repealed (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4.2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(1), 64, 67(7) (e), {Sch. 5 Pt. 4 Note}; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(f)(g); S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(2)(f)(h)
<sup>F10</sup> 5	Membership of committees and sub-committees. E+W
Text	ual Amendments
F10	S. 5 repealed (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4.2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(1), 64, 67(7) (e), {Sch. 5 Pt. 4 Note}; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(f)(g); S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(2)(f)(h)
6	The director of social services. E+W
(	(1) A local authority shall appoint an officer, to be known as the director of social services for the purposes of their social services functions.
(	(2) Two or more local authorities may, if they consider that the same person can efficiently discharge, for both or all of them, the functions of director of social services, concur in the appointment of a person as director of social services for both or all of those authorities.
(	(3)
F12	(5)
(	(6) A local authority which have appointed, or concurred in the appointment of, a director of social services, shall secure the provision of adequate staff for assisting him in the exercise of his functions.
	(7)
Textu F11	
F12	Sch. 34 Pt. XVI S. 6(5) repealed (E.) (26.10.2000) (W.) and (28.7.2001) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 102(2), 107, 108(4)-(7), Sch.
	6; S.I. 2000/2849, art. 2(g)(iii)
F13 F14	
	ifications etc. (not altering text)
C5	S. 6 saved by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 112(3)(4)

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# 7 Local authorities to exercise social services functions under guidance of Secretary of State. E+W

- (1) Local authorities shall, in the exercise of their social services functions, including the exercise of any discretion conferred by any relevant enactment, act under the general guidance of the Secretary of State.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F5 S. 3 substituted by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1), s. 183(1)
- F7 S. 3A inserted by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1), s. 183(2)
- F15 Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C6 S. 7 applied (19.12.2001 for E. otherwise 1.3.2007) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 45(10)(a), 70(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2001/4149, art. 2; S.I. 2006/1407, art. 2, {Sch. 1Pt. 2 para. 8(a)}
- C7 S. 7 applied (1.3.2007) by National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), ss. 77(11)(a), 277
  S. 7 applied (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Wales) 2006 (c. 42), ss. 35(11)(a), 208 (with s. 19(3))

# |F167A | Directions by the Secretary of State as to exercise of social services functions. | E

- (1) Without prejudice to section 7 of this Act, every local authority shall exercise their social services functions in accordance with such directions as may be given to them under this section by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Directions under this section—
  - (a) shall be given in writing; and
  - (b) may be given to a particular authority, or to authorities of a particular class, or to authorities generally.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F16 Ss. 7A–7E inserted by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 50

# **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C8 S. 7A applied (19.12.2001 for E. otherwise 1.3.2007) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 45(10)(b), 70(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2001/4149, art. 2; S.I. 2006/1407, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 8(a)
- C9 S. 7A applied (1.3.2006) by National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), ss. 77(11)(b), 277
  S. 7A applied (1.3.2006) by National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), ss. 35(11)(b), 208 (with s. 19(3))

# 7B F17Complaints procedure E+W

(1) The Secretary of State may by order require local authorities to establish a procedure for considering any representations (including any complaints) which are made to them by a qualifying individual, or anyone acting on his behalf, in relation to the

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discharge of, or any failure to discharge, any of their social services functions in respect of that individual.

- (2) In relation to a particular local authority, an individual is a qualifying individual for the purposes of subsection (1) above if—
  - (a) the authority have a power or a duty to provide, or to secure the provision of, a service for him; and
  - (b) his need or possible need for such a service has (by whatever means) come to the attention of the authority [F18] or if he is in receipt of direct payments within the meaning of section 57 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.].
- (3) A local authority shall comply with any directions given by the Secretary of State as to the procedure to be adopted in considering representations made as mentioned in subsection (1) above and as to the taking of such action as may be necessary in consquence of such representations.
- (4) Local authorities shall give such publicity to any procedure established pursuant to this section as they consider appropriate.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F17 Ss. 7A-7E inserted by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19,SIF 113:2), s. 50

**F18** Words in s. 7B(2) substituted (8.4.2003 for E. and 1.11.2004 for W.) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 67, 70(2), Sch. 5 Pt. 2 para. 15(2) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2003/850, art. 3(2); S.I. 2004/1754, art. 2(2)(d)(i)

# 7C Inquiries E+W

- (1) The Secretary of State may cause an inquiry to be held in any case where, whether on representations made to him or otherwise, he considers it advisable to do so in connection with the exercise by any local authority of any of their social services functions (except in so far as those functions relate to persons under the age of eighteen).
- (2) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 250 of the MILocal Government Act 1972 (powers in relation to local inquiries) shall apply in relation to an inquiry under this section as they apply in relation to an inquiry under that section.

# **Textual Amendments**

F16 Ss. 7A–7E inserted by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 50

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1972 c.70 (81:1).

# 7D F19Default powers of Secretary of State as respects social services functions of local authorities. E+W

(1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that any local authority have failed, without reasonable excuse to comply with any of their duties which are social services functions (other than a duty imposed by or under the Children Act M2 1989), he may make an order declaring that authority to be in default with respect to the duty in question.

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- (2) An order under subsection (1) may contain such directions for the purpose of ensuring that the duty is complied with within such period as may be specified in the order as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary.
- (3) Any such direction shall, on the application of the Secretary of State, be enforceable by mandamus.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F19 Ss. 7A-7E inserted by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19,SIF 113:2), s. 50

# **Marginal Citations**

**M2** 1989 c.41 (20).

# 7E Grants to local authorities in respect of social services for the mentally ill. E

The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, make grants out of money provided by Parliament towards any expenses of local authorities incurred in connection with the exercise of their social services functions in relation to persons suffering from mental illness.]

# **Textual Amendments**

F16 Ss. 7A-7E inserted by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 50

F20**8** ..... E+W

# **Textual Amendments**

F20 Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30

# 9 Protection of interests, etc. of local authority staffs. E+W

- (1) The Secretary of State shall by order make provision for the protection of the interests of any existing staff affected by the provisions of section 2 or 6 of this Act, and that order may contain provisions applying, amending or repealing any provision made by or under any enactment and relating to the conditions of service of, or the payment of superannuation or other benefits to or in respect of, existing staff.
- (2) Regulations under section 60(2) of the M3Local Government Act 1958 (provision to be made by regulations for the payment of compensation in certain cases) may make provision in relation to persons who suffer loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments which is attributable to the provisions of section 2 or 6 of this Act.
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (2) above may be so framed as to have effect from a date earlier than that on which they are made, so however that so much of any regulations as provides that any provision thereof is to have effect from a date earlier than that on which they are made shall not place any person (other than the person

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required by the regulations to pay compensation) in a worse position than he would have been in if the regulations had been so framed as to have effect only as from the date on which they are made.

- (4) In this section "existing staff" means
  - persons who both immediately before and immediately after the coming into force in the area of a local authority of section 2 or 6 of this Act are employed by the authority in connection with the discharge by the authority of any function which immediately after the coming into force in that area of the said section 2 or 6, as the case may be, is a social services function of the authority; and
  - persons who both immediately before and immediately after the coming into force in the area of a local authority of-
    - (i) an order under section 2(2) of this Act, or
    - (ii) a direction under section 2(4) thereof, not being a direction which comes into force in that area on the same date as that on which that section comes into force therein,

are employed by the authority in connection with the discharge by the authority of any function to which the order or direction, as the case may be, relates.

# **Marginal Citations** 1958 c. 55. F2110 E+W **Textual Amendments** F21 Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30 E+W **Textual Amendments** F22 S. 11 repealed by Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41, SIF

- 113:3), s. 30, Sch. 10 Pt. I
- Isles of Scilly. E+W 12
  - (1) The Secretary of State may by order direct that this Act shall have effect as if the Council of the Isles of Scilly were a local authority for the purposes of this Act.
  - (2) In its application to the Isles of Scilly by virtue of an order made under this section, this Act shall have effect with such modifications as may be specified in the order.

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# Orders and regulations. E+W

- (1) Orders . . . F23 of the Secretary of State under this Act shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any order made under any provision of this Act, except an order under section 14(3), may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order so made.
- (3) In the case of a statutory instrument containing an order under section [F241A] or 14(3) of this Act . . . F23, a draft of the instrument shall be laid before Parliament, and an instrument containing an order under the said section [F241A] shall not be made unless the draft has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 9(1) or 12 of this Act shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) Any order . . . F23 under this Act may be made so as to apply to England only or to Wales only.

For the purposes of this subsection, Monmouthshire shall be deemed to be part of Wales and not of England.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F23 Words repealed by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 194, Sch. 34 Pt. XVI
- F24 Words in s. 13(3) substituted (E.) (26.10.2000) and (W.) (28.7.2001) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 107, 108(4)-(7), Sch. 5 para. 5; S.I. 2000/2849, art. 2

# Minor and consequential amendments, repeals and saving for certain schemes. E+W

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the ammendments specified in relation thereto in that Schedule, being minor ammendments and ammendments consequential on the provisions of this Act.
- X1(2) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column 3 of that Schedule.
  - (3) The Secretary of State may by order repeal or amend any provision in any local Act, including an Act confirming a provisional order, or in an instrument in the nature of a local enactment under any Act, where it appears to him that that provision is inconsistent with, or has become unnecessary or requires modification in consequence of, any provision of this Act or corresponds to any provision repealed by this Act.

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#### **Editorial Information**

The text of ss. 2(7), 6(8), 14(1)(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 6, 8, 10, 12(1)(2), Sch. 3 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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# **Textual Amendments**

**F25** S. 14(4) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **s. 1(1)**, {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 3}

# 15 Citation, interpretation, commencement and extent. E+W+N.I.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
- (2) In this Act "functions" includes powers and duties and "social services functions" has the meaning given by section [F261A]... F27 of this Act. Any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as including a reference to that enactment as amended, applied or extended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as including a reference to that enactment as amended, applied or extended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (6) This Act, . . . <sup>F30</sup>, shall not extend to Scotland.
- (7) This Act, except . . . <sup>F30</sup>this subsection, shall not extend to Northern Ireland; . . . <sup>F31</sup>

#### **Textual Amendments**

- **F26** Words in s. 15(2) substituted (E.) (26.10.2000) and (W.) (28.7.2001) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 107, 108(4)-(7), **Sch. 5 para. 6**; S.I. 2000/2849, **art. 2(a)**
- F27 Word "(3)" repealed by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 194, Sch. 34 Pt. XVI
- **F28** S. 15(4) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **s. 1(1)**, {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 3}
- **F29** S. 15(5) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **s. 1(1)**, {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 3}
- **F30** Words repealed by Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41, SIF 113:3), s. 30, Sch. 10 Pt. I
- F31 Words repealed by Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), Sch. 6 Pt. I

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# SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 E+W

Section 2.

# [F32SOCIAL SERVICES FUNCTIONS]

# **Subordinate Legislation Made**

P1 Sch. 1: power to amend conferred (15.1.2004) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 45(14)(b), 46, 47

# **Textual Amendments**

**F32** Sch. 1 heading substituted (1.4.2005 for E. and 1.4.2006 for W.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 55(2), 67(7)(e); S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(f); S.I. 2006/885, art. 2(f)

Enactment	Nature of functions
Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)	
Part III	Protection of the young in relation to criminal and summary proceedings; children appearing before court as in need of care, protection or control; committal of children to approved school or care of fit person, etc.
Part IV	Remand homes, approved schools and children in care of fit persons.
F33	
F33	F33
National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29)	
Sections 21 to 27	Provision of residential accommodation for the aged, infirm, needy, etc.
Sections 29 and 30	Welfare of persons who are blind, deaf, dumb or otherwise handicapped or are suffering from mental disorder; use of voluntary organisations for administration of welfare schemes.
F34	F34
Sections 43 to 45	Recovery of costs of providing certain services.

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Section 48 Temporary protection of property belonging to persons in hospital or accommodation provided under Part III of the Act, etc. Section 49 Defraying expenses of local authority officer applying for appointment as receiver for certain patients. F35 F35 Section 56(3) except so far as it relates to an Prosecution of offences. offence under section 47(11). F36 F36 F37 F37 F38 F38 Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958 (c. 33) Section 3 Provision of facilities for enabling disabled persons to be employed or work under special conditions. F39 F39 F40 F40 Mental Health Act 1959 (c. 72) [F42Welfare and accommodation of mentally [F41 section 8].... disordered persons] F43 F44 F44 [F45Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984] Section 10 Welfare of certain persons while in hospital in Scotland. Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962 (c. 33) Section 5(1)(b), and as extended by Research into matters relating to local section 45(9) of the Health Services and authority welfare services. Public Health Act 1968 (c. 46). Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

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Part I	 F46
	powers relating to young persons in need of care, protection or control; further provisions for protection of the young in relation to criminal proceedings; F46
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Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (c	2. 46)
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Section 45	Promotion of welfare of old people.
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49)	
Sections 75(2) and 76(4)	Reference for consideration, etc. of case of child in care whose parent moves to Scotland and transfer of child.
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F51	F51
Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)	
The whole Act except [F52] section 9] in so far as they assign functions to a local authority in their capacity of a local education authority.	Care and other treatment of children and young persons through court proceedings; F53
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 19	70 (c. 44)
Section 1	Obtaining information as to need for, and publishing information as to existence of,

certain welfare services.

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Section 2	Provision of certain welfare services.
Section 18	Provision of certain information required by Secretary of State.
[F55]Sections 6 and 7B of this Act]	[F55] Appointment of [F56] director of adult
	social services or] director of social services, etc; provision and conduct of complaints procedure.]
[F57]	[F57]
[F58Children Act 1975 (c.72)]	
F59	F59
[F58Part II]	[F58] Application by local authority for revocation of custodianship order; inquiries carried out by local authority in custodianship cases.]
[F60] Adoption Act 1976 (c.36)]	[F60] Maintenance of Adoption Service; functions of local authority as adoption agency; applications for orders freeing children for adoption; inquiries carried out by local authorities in adoption cases; care, possession and supervision of children awaiting adoption.]
[F61Supplementary Benefits Act 1976, Schedule 5]	[F61Provision and maintenance of [F62resettlement units] for persons without a settled way of living.]
F63	F63
[F64National Health Service Act 1977, Schedule 8]	[F64Care of mothers and young children, prevention, care and after-care: home help and laundry facilities.]
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$\begin{bmatrix} ^{ ext{F}66} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} ^{ ext{F66}} \ldots \end{bmatrix}$
$[^{F67}\dots]$	[ <sup>F67</sup> ]
F68	F68
 F69	 F69
[F70Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)]	
[F70Parts II, III and VI]	[F70]Welfare of the mentally disordered; guardianship of persons suffering from

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	mental disorder including such persons removed to England and Wales from Scotland or Northern Ireland; exercise of functions of nearest relative of person so suffering.]
[F70 Sections 66, 67, 69(1)]	[F70 Exercise of functions of nearest relative in relation to applications and references to Mental Health Review Tribunals.]
[ <sup>F70</sup> Section 114]	[F70Appointment of approved social workers.]
[ <sup>F70</sup> Section 115]	[F70Entry and inspection.]
[ <sup>F70</sup> Section 116]	[F70]Welfare of certain hospital patients.]
[ <sup>F70</sup> Section 117]	[F70 After-care of detained patients.]
[ <sup>F70</sup> Section 130]	[F70Prosecutions.]
[F71]Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41) Section 17, so far as relating to services provided under the enactments mentioned in subsection (2)(a) to (c)]	[F71Charges for local authority welfare services]
[F72Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 19	84 (c. 22)]
[F72Section 46(2) and (5)]	[F72]Burial or cremation of person dying in accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948, and recovery of expenses from his estate.]
F73	F73
[F74Housing Act 1996 Section 213(1)(b)	Co-operation in relation to homeless persons and persons threatened with homelessness.]
[F75Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 (c. 33)]	
[F75]Sections 1 to 5, 7 and 8 except in so far as they assign functions to a local authority in their capacity as a local education authority.]	[F75Representation and assessment of disabled persons.]
[F76Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26) section 38(b)]	[F76Co-operation in relation to homeless persons and persons threatened with homelessness.]
[F77Children Act 1989,The whole Act, in so far as it confers functions on a local authority within the meaning of that Act.]	[F77Welfare reports.]
	[F77Consent to application for residence order in respect of child in care.]
	[F77Family assistance orders.]

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[F77Functions under Part III of the Act (local authority support for children and families).] [F77Care and supervision.] [F77Protection of children.] I<sup>F77</sup>Functions in relation to community homes, voluntary homes and voluntary organisations, [F78 private] children's homes, private arrangements for fostering children, child minding and day care for young children.] [F77]Inspection of children's homes on behalf of Secretary of State.] [F77Research and returns of information.] F<sup>77</sup>Functions in relation to children accommodated by health authorities [F79, Primary Care Trusts, | F80 National Health Service trusts and local education authorities or in [F78care homes, independent hospitals or schools].] [F81] National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19)] [F81Section 46] I<sup>F81</sup>Preparation of plans for community care services.] I<sup>F81</sup>Assessment of needs for community care [F81Section 47] services. F82 F82 [ F83 Section 166.] [F84Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995 (c.12)] [F84Section 1 Assessment of ability of carers to provide care.] [F85Education Act 1996.] [F85Section 322.....] [F85Help for local education authority in exercising functions under Part IV of the [F86Community Care (Direct Payments) Act Functions in connection with the making of payments to persons in respect of their 1996.] securing the provision of community care

services [F87] or services under the Carers and

Disabled Children Act 2000].

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I<sup>F88</sup>Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 Functions under Article 9(a) to (c) of the Section 2(4)

Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, concluded at the Hague on 29th May 1993.]

I<sup>F89</sup>Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000

The whole Act, in so far as it confers functions on a local authority within the

[F89] Assessment of carers' needs. Provision of services to carers. Provision of vouchers.1

[F90Health and Social Care Act 2001

meaning of that Act.]

Part 4 in so far as it confers functions on a local authority in England or Wales within the meaning of that Part.

Functions in relation to the provision of residential accommodation.

Making of direct payments to person in respect of his securing provision of community care services or services to carers.

[F91Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Act 2003

Part 1.....

Functions relating to hospital patients likely to need community care services to be made available in order to be discharged safely.]

[F92Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004

Section 3, in so far as it confers functions on a local authority within the meaning of that section.

Co-operation between authorities

# **Textual Amendments**

- Entry relating to National Health Service Act 1977 substituted in the appropriate chronological order for entry relating to National Health Service Act 1946 by National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49, SIF 113:2), Sch. 15 para. 51
- F34 Sch. 1: entry repealed (1.9.1992) by Charities Act 1992 (c. 41), s. 78(2), Sch. 7; S.I. 1992/1900, art. 2, Sch. 1, Appendix.
- F35 Words repealed by Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22, SIF 100:1), s. 78, Sch. 3
- Entry repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1978 (c. 45), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. XII
- F37 Entry repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6
- Sch. 1: entry repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. VIII
- F39 Entry repealed by Foster Children Act 1980 (c. 6), s. 23(3), Sch. 3
- F40 Entry repealed by Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36, SIF 49:11), s. 74(2), Schs. 2, 4
- F41 Words in Schedule 1 in entry relating to the Mental Health Act 1959 substituted (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(5), Sch. 13 para. 26(1)(a); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- F42 Entry substituted by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), s. 148, Sch. 4 para. 27(a)
- Words repealed by Education (Handicapped Children) Act 1970 (c. 52), Sch. and National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), s. 57, Sch. 5

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- F44 Entry repealed by Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22, SIF 49:3), Sch. 2 para. 27, Sch. 3 (subject to savings in Sch. 1)
- F45 Words substituted by Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 36, SIF 85), s. 127, Sch. 3 para. 18
- F46 Words repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6
- F47 Entry repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6
- F48 Words repealed by Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18), Sch. 2 para. 11, Sch. 3
- **F49** Entry repealed by Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 (c. 71, SIF 113:1), s. 35(2)(3), Sch. 7 para. 18, **Sch. 8 Pt. I**
- F50 Words repealed by National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49, SIF 113:2), s. 129, Sch. 16
- F51 Sch. 1: entry repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c.14), s. 1(1), {Sch. 1Pt. 10 Group 3}
- F52 Words in Schedule 1 in entry relating to the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 substituted (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(5), Sch. 13 para. 26(1)(b); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- F53 Words repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6
- **F54** Words in Sch. 1 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), **Sch. 15**; S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**
- F55 Entry in Sch. 1 commencing "Sections 6 and 7B" substituted (1.4.1991) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), Sch. 9 para. 11(b)
- F56 Sch. 1: words in entry inserted (1.4.2005 for E.) by Children Act 2004 (c. 31), ss. 18, 67(2), Sch. 2 para. 2(3); S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(2)(b)
- F57 Entry in Sch. 1 which was added by Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18), Sch. 2 para. 11 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), Sch. 15; S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- **F58** Entries added by Children Act 1975 (c. 72, SIF 49:9, 10), **s. 108(1)**(*a*), Sch. 3 para. 74(*b*)
- **F59** Paragraph relating to Pt. I of Children Act 1975 (c. 72, SIF 49: 9, 10) repealed by Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36, SIF 49:11), s. 74(2) Schs. 2, 4
- **F60** Paragraph added by Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36, SIF 49:11), **Sch. 3 para. 15**
- F61 Entry added by Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 (c. 71, SIF 113:1), Sch. 7 para. 18
- F62 Words substituted by Social Security Act 1980 (c. 39, SIF 113:1), Sch. 4 para. 6
- F63 Entry added by Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 (c. 48), s. 20(2) and repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61),s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I
- F64 Entry added by virtue of a substitution by National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49, SIF 113:2), Sch. 15 para. 51
- F65 Entry in Sch. 1 added by Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22, SIF 49: 3), Sch. 2 para. 27 (subject to savings in Sch. 1) repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), Sch. 15; S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- **F66** Entry in Sch. 1 added by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5, SIF 20), **Sch. 5 para. 29** repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), **Sch. 15**; S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**
- F67 Entry in Sch. 1 added by Foster Children Act 1980 (c. 6, SIF 20), Sch. 2 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(7), Sch. 15; S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- F68 Entry added by Residential Homes Act 1980 (c. 7), Sch. 1 para. 4, and fell by virtue of the repeal of that 1980 Act by Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41, SIF 113:3), s. 30(1), Sch. 10 Pt. I
- F69 Entry added by Mental Health Amendment Act 1982 (c. 51, SIF 20), Sch. 3 para. 45 and repealed by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), s. 148, Sch. 4 para. 27(c), Sch. 6
- **F70** Entry inserted by Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20, SIF 85), s. 148, **Sch. 4 para. 27**(*b*)
- F71 Sch. 1: entry inserted (1.7.2001 for W. and 4.10.2001 for E.) by 2000 c. 14, s. 112; S.I. 2001/2190, art. 2, Sch.and S.I. 2001/3331, art. 2
- F72 Words inserted by Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22, SIF 100:1), s. 78, Sch. 2 para. 6
- F73 Sch. 1: entry repealed (1.4.2002) by 2000 c. 14, s. 117(2), Sch. 6; S.I. 2001/4150, art. 3(3)(c) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4 and S.I. 2002/1493, art. 4); S.I. 2002/920, art. 3(3)(g) (with savings in art. 3(5)-(10) and subject to transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3)
- F74 Sch. 1: entry substituted (20.1.1997) by 1996 c. 52, s. 216(3), Sch. 17 para. 1; S.I. 1996/2959, art. 2

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- F75 Sch. 1: entry added (26.10.2000 for E. and 28.7.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 107, 108(5)-(7), Sch. 5 para. 7; S.I. 2000/2849, art. 2(f)
- F76 Words inserted by Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 339(2), Sch. 23 para. 16
- F77 Words in Sch. 1 added (14.10.1991) at the end of Sch. 1 by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(5), Sch. 13 para. 26(2); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)
- F78 Sch. 1: words in entry substituted (1.4.2002) by 2000 c. 14, s. 116, Sch. 4 para. 4; S.I. 2001/4150, art. 3(3)(a) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4 and S.I. 2002/1493, art. 4); S.I. 2002/920, art. 3(3)(d) (with savings in art. 3(4)-(10) and subject to transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3)
- Words in Sch. 1 inserted (1.10.2002) by The National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions
   Act 2002 (Supplementary, Consequential etc. Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2469), reg. 4, Sch. 1 para. 6
- **F80** Words inserted (1.4.1993) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), **Sch. 9 para. 11(a)**; S.I. 1992/2975, art. 2(2), **Sch.**
- **F81** Words inserted (1.4.1993 except so far as they relate to s. 46 of the 1990 Act which came into force on 1.4.1991 by S.I. 1990/2218, art. 2, **Sch.**) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), **Sch. 9 para. 11(c)**; S.I. 1992/2975, art. 2(2), **Sch.**
- **F82** Sch. 1: entry repealed (1.11.1996) by 1996 c. 56, ss. 582(1)(2), 583(2), Sch. 37 Pt. I, para. 18, Sch. 38 Pt. I (with s. 1(4), Sch. 39)
- F83 Sch. 1: entry added (1.9.1994) by 1993 c. 35, s. 307(1), Sch. 19 para. 44; S.I. 1994/2038, art. 3, Sch. 2
- **F84** Sch. 1: entries inserted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 12, ss. 1(7), 5(2)
- **F85** Sch. 1: entries added (1.11.1996) by 1996 c. 56, ss. 582(1), 583(2), **Sch. 37 Pt. I**, para. 18 (with s. 1(4), Sch. 39)
- F86 Sch. 1: entry added (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 30, s. 3(3); S.I. 1997/756, art. 2
- F87 Sch. 1: words inserted in entry (1.4.2001 for E. for certain purposes and 1.7.2001 for W. for certain purposes and 30.4.2003 for E. in so far as not already in force and otherwise prosp.) by 2000 c. 16, ss. 9(a), 12; S.I. 2001/510, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2001/2196, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2003/1183, art. 2
- **F88** Entry in Sch. 1 inserted (1.6.2003) by Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 (c. 18), ss. 15(1), 18(3), Sch. 2 para. 1; S.I. 2003/189, art. 2(2)(h)
- F89 Sch. 1: entry inserted (1.4.2001 for E. for certain purposes and 1.7.2001 for W. for certain purposes and 1.4.2003 for E. in so far as not already in force and otherwise prosp.) by 2000 c. 16, ss. 9(b), 12, S.I. 2001/510, art. 2, Sch. and S.I. 2001/2196, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2003/1183, art. 2
- **F90** Sch. 1: entry inserted (22.10.2001 for certain purposes for E. and 8.4.2003 in so far as not already in force for E. and 1.11.2004 for certain purposes for W. and otherwise prosp.) by 2001 c. 15, ss. 67(1), 70(2), Sch. 5 Pt. 2 para. 15(3) (with ss. 64(9), 65(4)); S.I. 2001/3619, art. 3(1); S.I. 2003/850, art. 3(2) (c); S.I. 2004/1754, art. 2(2)(d)(ii)
- F91 Sch. 1: entry inserted (1.10.2003 for E. and otherwise prosp.) by Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Act 2003 (c. 5), ss. 13, 20(2); S.I. 2003/2280, art. 2(2)(b)
- **F92** Entry in Sch. 1 inserted (1.4.2005 for E. and 18.4.2005 for W.) by Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004 (c. 15), **ss.** 4, 56(7); S.I. 2005/876, **art. 2**; S.I. 2005/1153, **art. 2**

# **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C10 Sch. 1: entry excluded (9.7.2003) by The Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1716), art. 2(b)

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# SCHEDULE 2 E+W

Section 14.

#### MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS OF ENACTMENTS

The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

In section 96(7) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (which provides that subject to the provisions of section 39 of the M4Children Act 1948 a local authority may refer certain matters to committees) for the words from "section thirty-nine" to "that committee)" there shall be substituted the words "sections 2 and 3 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (which require certain matters to be referred to the social services committee and restrict the reference of other matters to that committee)."

# Modifications etc. (not altering text) C11 The text of ss. 2(7), 6(8), 14(1)(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 6, 8, 10, 12(1)(2), Sch. 3 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991. Marginal Citations M4 1948 c. 43. 2—4 F93 Textual Amendments F93 Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2—4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30 5 F94 Textual Amendments F94 Sch. 2 paras. 5, 11 repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6

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**F95** Sch. 2 para. 6 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt.VIII** 

# **Textual Amendments**

**F96** Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30

8 In section 60(2) of the said Act of 1958 (provision to be made by regulations for the payment of compensation in certain cases) after the words "section 46 of the

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<sup>M5</sup>Children and Young Persons Act 1969" there shall be inserted the words "or of section 2 or 6 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970".

# **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C12 The text of ss. 2(7), 6(8), 14(1)(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 6, 8, 10, 12(1)(2), Sch. 3 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

#### **Marginal Citations**

M5 1969 c. 54.

9 F97

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F97** Ss. 6(7), 7(2)(3), 8, 10, Sch. 2 paras. 2–4, 7, 9 repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Sch. 30

# The Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

In section 56(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (prosecution of certain Offences) for the words "subsection (2) of section 39 of the Children Act 1948" there shall be substituted the words "subsection (1) of section 3 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970" and for the words "those sections" there shall be substituted the words "the said section 85 and section 2 of the said Act of 1970".

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C13 The text of ss. 2(7), 6(8), 14(1)(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 6, 8, 10, 12(1)(2), Sch. 3 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

F98 Sch. 2 paras. 5, 11 repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), s. 89, Sch. 6

# The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (c. 44)

12 (1) In section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (which imposes a duty on local authorities to make arrangements for certain matters in exercise of their functions under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948) the words "under the general guidance of the Secretary of State and" shall be omitted, and after the words "the purpose)" there shall be inserted the words "and to the provisions of section 7(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (which requires local authorities in the exercise of certain functions, including functions under the said section 29, to act under the general guidance of the Secretary of State)".

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(2) In section 2(2) of the said Act of 1970 (which makes provision in connection with the carrying into effect of the said arrangements) after the words "section 35(2)" there shall be inserted the words "and to the said section 7(1)".

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C14 The text of ss. 2(7), 6(8), 14(1)(2), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 6, 8, 10, 12(1)(2), Sch. 3 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.



Section 14.

#### REPEALS

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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Repeals						
Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal				
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.	The National Assistance Act 1948.	Section 33(2). In section 35(2), the words "under the general guid- ance of the Minister and". Schedule 3.				
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 43.	The Children Act 1948.	Sections 39 to 42.  In Schedule 3, the entry relating to section 96(7) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.				
6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 33.	The Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958.	In section 3(3), the words from "and subject" onwards. In the Schedule, paragraph 2 and in paragraph 3(3) the words from "and in particular" to "three".				

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Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 55.	The Local Government Act 1958.	In section 46, in subsection (1), paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) and the words from "and, subject" onwards, subsections (2) and (3) and in subsection (4), the words from "or Part I" to "1948". Section 47, except subsections (1), (2), (6) and (7) as applied by section 48(1) of that Act, and subsections (5) and (8) as applied by section 52(2) thereof, and in subsection (2) the words from "(except" to "sec- tion)". In section 48, in subsection (1), the words from "sub- ject" onwards. In section 50, in subsection (1), the words from "or the amendment" to "1948" and the words from "or for the amend- ment" onwards and, in subsection (2), the words "or varying or revoking schemes", the words "or fails" and the words "or fails" and the words "or fails" and the words "or scheme".
7 & 8 Eliz. 2, c. 5.	The Adoption Act 1958.	Section 51.  In Schedule 4, the entry relating to section 39 of the Children Act 1948.
7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 72.	The Mental Health Act 1959.	In Schedule 7, Part II, the entry relating to the Children Act 1948.
8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 48.	The Matrimonial Proceedings (Magistrates' Courts) Act 1960.	Section 3(7).
8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 61.	The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960.	In Schedule 4, the entry relating to section 39 of the Children Act 1948.
1963 c. 33.	The London Government Act 1963.	In section 3(2)(d), the words "47(3) and".  In section 47(2), the words from "and, without" onwards.
1963 c. 37.	The Children and Young Persons Act 1963.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 41.
1965 c. 72.	The Matrimonial Causes Act 1965.	Section 37(3).
Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1968 c. 46.	The Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.	In section 45, in subsection (5)(b), the words from " and Parts I" to " 1(1))" and subsections (6), (7) and (8) Section 68.  In Schedule 3, Part I, in the entry relating to the Dissibled Persons (Employment) Act 1958, the second paragraph and in the entry relating to the Loca Government Act 1958 paragraph (a), in paragraph (b) the words from "(e)" to "1968", where next occurring, and paragraph
1969 c. 46. 1969 c. 54.	The Family Law Reform Act 1969. The Children and Young	(c). In section 7(4), the words "and (3)". In Schedule 5, paragraph 18

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