



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART I

THE ADOPTION SERVICE

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2 Local authorities' social services

The social services referred to in section 1(3) are the functions of a local authority which stand referred to the authority's social services committee, including, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a local authority's functions relating to—

- (a) the promotion of the welfare of children by diminishing the need to receive children into care or keep them in care, including (in exceptional circumstances) the giving of assistance in cash ;
- (b) the welfare of children in the care of a local authority ;
- (c) the welfare of children who are foster children within the meaning of the Children Act 1958 ;
- (d) children who are subject to supervision orders made in matrimonial proceedings;
- (e) the provision of residential accommodation for expectant mothers and young children and of day-care facilities.
- (f) the regulation and inspection of nurseries and child minders;
- (g) care and other treatment of children through court proceedings.