



Children Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 41

PART III

LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

[^{F1} Personal advisers and pathway plans]

VALID FROM 01/10/2001

[^{F1}24 Persons qualifying for advice and assistance.

- (1) In this Part “a person qualifying for advice and assistance” means a person who—
 - (a) is under twenty-one; and
 - (b) at any time after reaching the age of sixteen but while still a child was, but is no longer, looked after, accommodated or fostered.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b), “looked after, accommodated or fostered” means—
 - (a) looked after by a local authority;
 - (b) accommodated by or on behalf of a voluntary organisation;
 - (c) accommodated in a private children’s home;
 - (d) accommodated for a consecutive period of at least three months—
 - (i) by any Health Authority, Special Health Authority, Primary Care Trust or local education authority, or
 - (ii) in any care home or independent hospital or in any accommodation provided by a National Health Service trust; or
 - (e) privately fostered.
- (3) Subsection (2)(d) applies even if the period of three months mentioned there began before the child reached the age of sixteen.
- (4) In the case of a person qualifying for advice and assistance by virtue of subsection (2)
 - (a), it is the duty of the local authority which last looked after him to take such steps

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as they think appropriate to contact him at such times as they think appropriate with a view to discharging their functions under sections 24A and 24B.

- (5) In each of sections 24A and 24B, the local authority under the duty or having the power mentioned there (“the relevant authority”) is—
- (a) in the case of a person qualifying for advice and assistance by virtue of subsection (2)(a), the local authority which last looked after him; or
 - (b) in the case of any other person qualifying for advice and assistance, the local authority within whose area the person is (if he has asked for help of a kind which can be given under section 24A or 24B).]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 24, 24A, 24B, 24C substituted for s. 24 (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 35, s. 4(1); S.I. 2001/2191, art. 2; S.I. 2001/2878, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 24(2)(c)(d)(ii) amended (*temp.* from 1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 35, s. 4(2)(a)(b); S.I. 2001/2191, art. 2; S.I. 2001/2878, art. 2

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