



# Health and Social Care Act 2001

## 2001 CHAPTER 15

### PART 4

#### SOCIAL CARE

##### *Preserved rights*

#### **50 Preserved rights: transfer to local authorities of responsibilities as to accommodation**

- (1) The following provisions, namely—
- (a) section 26A of the National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29) (which prevents local authorities in England or Wales providing residential accommodation for persons who were in such accommodation on 31st March 1993), and
  - (b) section 86A of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49) (which makes corresponding provision for Scotland),
- shall cease to have effect on the appointed day.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a “qualifying person” is—
- (a) (in relation to any time before the appointed day) a person to whom section 26A(1) or section 86A(1) applies; or
  - (b) (in relation to any later time) a person to whom either of those sections applied immediately before that day.
- (3) Where a qualifying person is immediately before the appointed day ordinarily resident in relevant premises in the area of a local authority (“the responsible authority”), that authority shall secure that—
- (a) as from that day, or
  - (b) as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable,
- the person is provided with such community care services with respect to his accommodation as appear to the authority to be appropriate having regard to his needs as assessed under section 47(1)(a) of the 1990 Act (assessment of needs for

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community care services in England or Wales) or section 12A(1)(a) of the 1968 Act (corresponding provision for Scotland).

- (4) Each local authority shall accordingly—
- (a) use their best endeavours to identify every person ordinarily resident in relevant premises in their area who is a qualifying person; and
  - (b) carry out such a programme of assessments under section 47(1)(a) or 12A(1)(a) in respect of persons so identified as appears to the authority to be required for the purpose of enabling them to discharge their duty under subsection (3) in relation to such persons.
- (5) Where a person—
- (a) is a qualifying person immediately before the appointed day, and
  - (b) is provided by the responsible authority with any community care services with respect to his accommodation in accordance with subsection (3),
- his existing arrangements shall, by virtue of this subsection, terminate on the date as from which he is provided with those services.
- (6) Where any such person is not provided with any such services as from the appointed day, any liability of his to make any payment under his existing arrangements in respect of any period (or part of a period) falling within the period beginning with the appointed day and ending with—
- (a) the date as from which he is provided with any such services, or
  - (b) the date on which he notifies (or is in accordance with regulations to be treated as notifying) the responsible authority that he does not wish to be provided with any such services,
- shall instead be a liability of the responsible authority.
- (7) However, the responsible authority may, in respect of any payment made by them in pursuance of subsection (6), recover from the person such amount (if any) as may be prescribed; and any such amount shall be so recoverable in accordance with section 56 of the 1948 Act as if it were an amount due to the authority under that Act.
- (8) The provisions of subsections (3) to (7) do not apply, to such extent as may be prescribed, in relation to any person falling within any prescribed description of persons.
- (9) Regulations may also—
- (a) prescribe the circumstances in which persons are to be treated as ordinarily resident in any premises for the purposes of this section;
  - (b) for the purpose of prescribing any such amount as is mentioned in subsection (7), provide for any provision made by or under section 22 or 26 of the 1948 Act to apply with or without modifications.
- (10) In this section—
- “the appointed day” means the day appointed under section 70 for the coming into force of subsection (1);
- “existing arrangements”, in relation to a person, means the arrangements for the provision of accommodation in the relevant premises mentioned in subsection (3), together with any arrangements for the provision of any services or facilities in connection with that accommodation;
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
- “relevant premises”—

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- (a) in relation to England or Wales, has the same meaning as in section 26A of the 1948 Act;
- (b) in relation to Scotland, has the same meaning as in section 86A of the 1968 Act.

“the responsible authority” shall be construed in accordance with subsection (3).

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

- C1** S. 50(3)-(7) excluded (E.) (19.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3776](#), **regs. 1(3)**, 2(1)  
S. 50(3)-(7) excluded (S.) (8.4.2002) by [The Preserved Rights \(Transfer to Responsible Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2002 \(S.S.I. 2002/76\)](#), **reg. 2**
- C2** S. 50(7) modified (W.) (19.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3985](#), **regs. 1(3)**, 3(2)
- C3** S. 50(8) restricted (W.) (19.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3985](#), **regs. 1(3)**, 2(1)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 50 partly in force; s. 50 in force for certain purposes at 11.5.2001, see s. 70(2); s. 50(1) in force at 8.4.2002 by [S.I. 2001/3752](#), **art. 2(1)**; s. 50(2)-(7)(10) in force for E. and s. 50(8) in force for E. in so far as not already in force at 20.12.2001 by [S.I. 2001/3752](#), **art. 2(2)**; s. 50(2)-(10) in force for W. at 19.12.2001 by [S.I. 2001/3807](#), **art. 3**; s. 50(2)-(10) in force for S. at 1.4.2002 by [S.S.I. 2002/75](#), **art. 2**

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