



Childcare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 21

PART 1 **E+W**

GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: ENGLAND

Improvement of young children's well-being

1 **General duties of local authority in relation to well-being of young children** **E** **+W**

- (1) An English local authority must—
 - (a) improve the well-being of young children in their area, and
 - (b) reduce inequalities between young children in their area in relation to the matters mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) In this Act “well-being”, in relation to children, means their well-being so far as relating to—
 - (a) physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
 - (b) protection from harm and neglect;
 - (c) education, training and recreation;
 - (d) the contribution made by them to society;
 - (e) social and economic well-being.
- (3) The Secretary of State may, in accordance with regulations, set targets for—
 - (a) the improvement of the well-being of young children in the area of an English local authority;
 - (b) the reduction of inequalities between young children in the area of an English local authority in relation to the matters mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) In exercising their functions, an English local authority must act in the manner that is best calculated to secure that any targets set under subsection (3) (so far as relating to the area of the local authority) are met.

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- (5) In performing their duties under this section, an English local authority must have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 in force at 20.12.2006 for specified purposes by S.I. 2006/3360, **art. 2(a)**
I2 S. 1 in force at 1.4.2008 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2008/785, **art. 2(a)**

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