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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 20

Section 254

FURTHER PROVISION ABOUT LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 20 modified (temp.) (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006](#) (c. 43), s. 8(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9](#) (with [Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#))

Care of mothers and young children

- 1 A local social services authority may, with the Secretary of State's approval, and to such extent as he may direct must, make arrangements for the care of pregnant women and women who are breast feeding (other than for the provision of residential accommodation for them).

Prevention, care and after-care

- 2 (1) A local social services authority may, with the Secretary of State's approval, and to such extent as he may direct must, make the arrangements mentioned in sub-paragraph (2).
- (2) The arrangements are for the purpose of the prevention of illness, for the care of persons suffering from illness and for the after-care of persons who have been suffering from illness and in particular for—
- (a) the provision, for persons whose care is undertaken with a view to preventing them from becoming ill, persons suffering from illness and persons who have been suffering from illness, of centres or other facilities for training them or keeping them suitably occupied and the equipment and maintenance of such centres,
 - (b) the provision, for the benefit of such persons as are mentioned in paragraph (a), of ancillary or supplemental services, and
 - (c) the exercise of the functions of the local social services authority in respect of persons suffering from mental disorder who are received into guardianship under Part 2 or 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20) (whether the guardianship of the authority or of other persons).
- (3) A local social services authority may not, and is not under a duty to, make under this paragraph arrangements to provide facilities for any of the purposes mentioned in section 15(1) of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 (c. 10).
- (4) No arrangements under this paragraph may provide for the payment of money to persons for whose benefit they are made, except in so far as they fall within sub-paragraph (5).
- (5) Arrangements fall within this sub-paragraph if—

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- (a) they provide for the remuneration of such persons engaged in suitable work in accordance with the arrangements of such amounts as the local social services authority considers appropriate in respect of their occasional personal expenses, and
 - (b) it appears to the authority that no such payment would otherwise be made.
- (6) No arrangements under this paragraph may be given effect to in relation to a person to whom section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (exclusion from benefits) applies solely—
- (a) because he is destitute, or
 - (b) because of the physical effects, or anticipated physical effects, of his being destitute.
- (7) Section 95(2) to (7) of that Act apply for the purposes of sub-paragraph (6); and for that purpose a reference to the Secretary of State in section 95(4) or (5) is a reference to a local social services authority.
- (8) The Secretary of State may make regulations as to the conduct of premises in which facilities are provided in pursuance of arrangements made under this paragraph for persons—
- (a) who are or have been suffering from mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983, or
 - (b) whose care is undertaken with a view to preventing them from becoming sufferers from mental disorder.
- (9) “Facilities” means facilities for training such persons or keeping them suitably occupied.
- (10) This paragraph does not apply in relation to persons under the age of 18.
- (11) No authority is authorised or may be required under this paragraph to provide residential accommodation for any person.

Home help and laundry facilities

- 3 (1) Each local social services authority—
- (a) must provide or arrange for the provision of, on such a scale as is adequate for the needs of its area, of home help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of a person to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies, and
 - (b) may provide or arrange for the provision of laundry facilities for households for which home help is being, or can be, provided under paragraph (a).
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to any person who—
- (a) is suffering from illness,
 - (b) is pregnant or has recently given birth,
 - (c) is aged, or
 - (d) handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or by congenital deformity.

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Research

- 4 (1) A local social services authority may conduct or assist other persons in conducting research into matters relating to the functions of local social services authorities under this Schedule.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not affect any powers conferred by any other Act.

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