

*These notes refer to the Children and Families Act 2014
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - the Children's Commissioner

Section 110: Provision of information to Commissioner

447. This section inserts a new section 2F into the 2004 Act, which broadly replicates the previous provision. It places a duty upon persons exercising functions of a public nature to provide the Commissioner with information that the Commissioner requests as long as: the request is reasonable; and it is information that the body is able to disclose lawfully to the Commissioner. The effect of section 2F is, for example, that where a person exercising functions of a public nature has discretion to disclose confidential information under other legislation, it must do so, so long as the request is reasonable. However, it does not create a legal gateway that overrides other legislation, for example, where that legislation restricts disclosure of confidential information to certain specified persons or for certain purposes.