

*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**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **PART 3 - children and young people in England with special Educational Needs OR DISABILITIES**

##### **Appeals, mediation and dispute resolution**

##### ***Section 53: Mediation: health care issues***

267. This section sets out that where the parent or young person wants to pursue mediation and the mediation issues include health care provision then the local authority must inform the relevant health commissioning body, either the clinical commissioning group or the NHS Commissioning Board, of the mediation issues and of any health care provision that the parent or young person wants. If the parent or young person just wants mediation about health care provision then the responsible commissioning body or bodies must arrange for mediation, ensure that the mediation is conducted by an independent person and participate in the mediation. If the mediation issues include education and/or social care then the local authority must arrange the mediation, ensure it is conducted by an independent person and the local authority and the responsible health commissioning body must participate. An independent person, in this context, is someone who is not employed by a local authority in England or a clinical commissioning group or the NHS Commissioning Board.