



Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 13

Local connection

8 Local connection of a care leaver

In section 199 of the Housing Act 1996 (local connection), after subsection (7), insert—

- “(8) While a local authority in England have a duty towards a person under section 23C of the Children Act 1989 (continuing functions in respect of former relevant children)—
- (a) if the local authority is a local housing authority, the person has a local connection with their district, and
 - (b) otherwise, the person has a local connection with every district of a local housing authority that falls within the area of the local authority.
- (9) In subsection (8), “local authority” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 (see section 105 of that Act).
- (10) Where, by virtue of being provided with accommodation under section 22A of the Children Act 1989 (provision of accommodation for children in care), a person is normally resident in the district of a local housing authority in England for a continuous period of at least two years, some or all of which falls before the person attains the age of 16, the person has a local connection with that district.
- (11) A person ceases to have a local connection with a district under subsection (10) upon attaining the age of 21 (but this does not affect whether the person has a local connection with that district under any other provision of this section).”