

1989 No. 222

**LOCAL AUTHORITY  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

**The Local Authority Social Services (Designation of  
Functions) Order 1989**

*Made* - - - - - *20th February 1989*  
*Coming into force* - - - - - *21st February 1989*

Whereas a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 13(3) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970(a) and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(2) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 hereby makes the following order:-

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Authority Social Services (Designation of Functions) Order 1989 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

**Functions to be discharged through a local authority's social services committee**

2. The functions of local authorities under the following enactments are designated as being appropriate for discharge through a local authority's social services committee:-

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<i>Enactment</i>	<i>Nature of functions</i>
Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986(b)	
Sections 1 to 5, 7 and 8 except insofar as they assign functions to a local authority in their capacity of a local education authority.	Representation and assessment of disabled persons.
Access to Personal Files Act 1987(c)	
Section 1 insofar as it applies to personal information held for any purpose of the local authority's social services functions.	Obligation to give access etc.

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(a) 1970 c.42; section 13(3) was amended by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c.65), section 194 and Schedule 34, Part XVI.  
(b) 1986 c.33.  
(c) 1987 c.37.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

20th February 1989

*D. Mellor*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Health

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The councils of non-metropolitan counties, metropolitan districts and London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London are each required by the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 to establish a social services committee. This Order places within the responsibility of that committee certain functions of those authorities under the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986 and under the Access to Personal Files Act 1987.

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