### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2001 No. 2874

# The Children (Leaving Care) (England) Regulations 2001

### Representations

- **13.**—(1) The Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations 1991(1) shall be amended as follows.
  - (2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—
    - (a) in the definition of "complainant", for "qualifying for advice and assistance" substitute "falling within section 23A, 23C, 24, or 24B(3) of the Act making any representations";
    - (b) in the definition of "representations", for "24(14)" substitute "24D(1)".
- (3) After regulation 3 (local authority action), there shall be inserted the following new regulation—

#### "Local resolution

- **3A.**—(1) Where a local authority receive any representation from a person specified in section 24D(1) they shall—
  - (a) provide the person appointed under regulation 3(1) with a written summary of the representation;
  - (b) endeavour by informal means to reach a settlement to the satisfaction of the complainant within 14 days; and
  - (c) if at the end of 14 days no resolution has been achieved, notify the person appointed under regulation 3(1).".
- (4) In regulation 4 (preliminaries), in paragraph (1) for the words from "a local authority" to "they" substitute—
  - "(a) a person to whom it applies is dissatisfied with the outcome of the procedure set out in regulation 3A; or
  - (b) a local authority receive representations from any other complainant, except from a person to whom section 26(3)(e) may apply, the local authority".