
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make miscellaneous amendments to a number of sets of Regulations which govern the placement, care and accommodation of children looked after by local authorities in the exercise of their functions under the Children Act 1989, and related matters.

Firstly, they make consequential amendments to reflect the implementation of Parts I and II of the Care Standards Act 2000 in respect of children's homes and care homes. Various other minor and updating amendments are also made.

Secondly, amendments are made to the Arrangements for Placement of Children (General) Regulations 1991 and the Review of Children's Cases Regulations 1991 relating to the health and health care of children looked after by local authorities or accommodated by voluntary organisations and others. The Schedule of matters to be considered in relation to a child's health on placement and review is expanded. A health care plan is to be prepared for each child. The frequency of health reviews for children aged between two and five is increased. Health assessments on placement or review may, but need not, include a physical examination of the child, and reviews may be conducted by a registered nurse or midwife, under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner.