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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 1973**

**The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2005**

**Citation, commencement, application and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 1st September 2005.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to England only.

(3) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Children Act 2004;

“review” means a review conducted under section 20(1) or (2) of the Act, except in paragraphs 6(2) (words in parentheses) and 7(2) (second reference) in the Schedule; and

“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(1).

**Powers for the purposes of a review**

2. The Schedule makes provision for the purposes of reviews.

**Report on a review**

3.—(1) Where a review has been completed the Chief Inspector of Schools must make a report on the review.

(2) A report under paragraph (1) must contain a summary of the report that is suitable for children.

(3) The Chief Inspector of Schools must send a copy of the report to—

(a) the children’s services authority for the area to which the review relates; and

(b) the Secretary of State.

(4) The children’s services authority to which the review relates must, within 30 working days of receiving the report—

(a) send a copy to—

(i) each of the authority’s relevant partners under section 10 of the Act,

(ii) any person or body with whom the authority has made arrangements under section 10(1)(c) of the Act,

(iii) each of the authority’s Board partners under section 13 of the Act,

(iv) at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the authority, and

(v) at least one radio station serving that area;

(b) make a copy of the report available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the authority;

- (c) supply a copy of the report to a member of the public on demand on payment of a reasonable charge.

**Written statement of proposed action**

4.—(1) A children’s services authority which has received a report under regulation 3(1) must make a written statement of proposed action (“written statement”) in the light of the report within 70 working days of receiving it.

(2) The written statement must include a statement of the period within which the action is proposed to be taken.

(3) In compiling the written statement the authority must consult the persons and bodies to whom a copy of the report of the review was sent by virtue of regulation 3(4)(a)(i) to (iii).

(4) The authority must—

- (a) send a copy of the written statement to—
  - (i) the Chief Inspector of Schools, and
  - (ii) the Secretary of State;
- (b) send a copy of the written statement to the persons or bodies to whom a copy of the report of the review was sent by virtue of regulation 3(4)(a);
- (c) make a copy of the written statement available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the authority;
- (d) supply a copy of the written statement to a member of the public on demand on payment of a reasonable charge.

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