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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 543**

**The Universal Credit (Care Leavers and Looked After Children) Amendment Regulations 2016**

**Amendment of the definition of “looked after by a local authority” and “care leaver”**

2.—(1) The Universal Credit Regulations 2013<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation) in the definition of “looked after by a local authority” for the words from “or section 17(6)” to the end substitute “, section 17(6) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995<sup>(2)</sup> or section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014<sup>(3)</sup>”.

(3) In regulation 8(4) in the definition of “care leaver”—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) omit “and Wales”; and

(b) for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) in relation to Scotland, a person under the age of 18 who—

(i) is looked after by a local authority; or

(ii) has ceased to be looked after by a local authority but is a person to whom a local authority in Scotland is obliged to provide advice and assistance in terms of section 29(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 or a person who is being provided with continuing care under section 26A<sup>(4)</sup> of that Act,

and who, since reaching the age of 14 has been looked after by a local authority for a period of, or periods totalling, 3 months or more (excluding any period where the person has been placed with a member of their family);

(c) in relation to Wales, a category 1 young person or category 2 young person within the meaning of section 104(2) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.”

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(1) S.I. 2013/376.

(2) 1995 c.36.

(3) 2014 anaw 4.

(4) Section 26A was inserted by s.67(1) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 8).