

Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports

21 May 2018

SL(5)213 – The Special Guardianship (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Procedure: Negative

The Regulations make amendments to the Special Guardianship (Wales) Regulations 2005 in respect of matters to be included in local authority reports to the court, and provision of special guardianship support services to former looked after children living in another local authority area.

Parent Act: Children Act 1989

Date Made: 02 May 2018

Date Laid: 08 May 2018

Coming into force date: 02 July 2018

SL(5)214 – Code of Practice on the exercise of social services functions in relation to special guardianship orders

Procedure: Negative

This code of practice is issued under section 145 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 ('the Act'), which gives the Welsh Ministers the power to issue codes on the exercise of social services functions. Local authorities, when exercising their social services functions in respect of special guardianship orders, must act in accordance with the requirements contained in this code and have regard to any guidelines set out here. Section 147 of the Act (departure from requirements in codes) does not apply to any requirements contained in this code, so this code must be followed in full.



In this code, a requirement is expressed as ‘must’ or ‘must not’. Guidelines are expressed as ‘may’ and ‘may not’ or ‘should’ and ‘should not’.

This code of practice replaces the statutory guidance on special guardianship issued by the Welsh Government in April 2006.

The Welsh Government undertook a review of special guardianship orders in Wales during 2016–17. This code of practice is one of the products of that review. The Welsh Government would like to thank the members of the Technical Group on Special Guardianship who assisted the Welsh Government in undertaking this review.

Parent Act: Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

Date Laid: 09 May 2018

