
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 452 (W. 143) (C. 22)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, WALES

**The Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (Commencement
No. 8 and Saving Provision) (Wales) Order 2016**

Made - - - -

26 March 2016

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008⁽¹⁾ make the following Order:

Title and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision) (Wales) Order 2016.

(2) In this Order “the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Children and Young Persons Act 2008.

Provisions coming into force on 6 April 2016

2. The following provisions of the Act (which make amendments to the Children Act 1989⁽²⁾) come into force in relation to Wales on 6 April 2016—

- (a) section 8(1)⁽³⁾ (provision of accommodation and maintenance for children who are looked after by a local authority) (to the extent not already in force);
- (b) section 8(2) in so far as it relates to Schedule 1, paragraphs 1, 2, 3(1), (2) and (3), 5, 6 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21;
- (c) section 10(1) and (3)⁽⁴⁾ (independent reviewing officers) (to the extent not already in force) and Schedule 4 (repeals) in so far as it relates to the repeal of section 26(2)(k) and (2A) to (2D) of the Children Act 1989;
- (d) section 16⁽⁵⁾ (independent visitors for children looked after by a local authority) (to the extent not already in force).

(1) 2008 c. 23.

(2) 1989 c. 41.

(3) Section 8 was commenced in part by article 2(a) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (Commencement No. 3) (Wales) Order 2010 (2010/749 (W. 77) (C. 51)) and in part by article 2(a) and (b) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (Commencement No. 4) (Wales) Order 2010 (2010/1329 (W. 112) (C. 81)) (“the No. 4 Commencement Order”).

(4) Section 10 was commenced in part by the No. 4 Commencement Order.

(5) Section 16 was commenced in part by the No. 4 Commencement Order.

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Saving provision

3. Despite the coming into force of section 10(3) of the Act in accordance with article 2(c), section 26 of the Children Act 1989 continues to have effect without amendment for the purposes of paragraph 10(2)(1) of Schedule 6 to the Children Act 1989 (regulations as to the placing of children in private children's homes).

26 March 2016

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Minister for Health and Social Services, one of
the Welsh Ministers

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This is the eighth Commencement Order made by the Welsh Ministers under the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (“the Act”) which brings specified provisions of the Act into force in relation to Wales.

Article 2 of this Order provides that section 8(1) and 8(2) in so far as that subsection relates to specified paragraphs of Schedule 1, and sections 10 and 16 of the Act come into force on 6 April 2016 (in so far as they are not already in force).

Section 8 replaces section 23 of the Children Act 1989 (“the 1989 Act”) with new sections 22A to 22F. It re-enacts the duties on local authorities to provide accommodation for children who are in their care (new section 22A) and to maintain all looked after children in other respects apart from the provision of accommodation (new section 22B).

Section 10(1) and (3) replaces section 26(2)(k) and (2A) to (2D) of the 1989 Act with new sections 25A and 25B that set out: requirements regarding the appointment of an Independent Reviewing Officer (‘IRO’) for each looked after child; the IRO’s functions; and an associated provision enabling the functions of CAFCASS officers and Welsh family proceedings officers to be extended.

Section 16 replaces paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the 1989 Act, extending the group of looked after children for whom an independent person must be appointed to visit, befriend and advise the child, to include all those for whom an appointment would be in their interests. The appropriate national authority may by regulations extend those to whom the duty is owed to other prescribed groups of looked after children (subsection (1)(a)).

Article 3 contains a saving provision which provides that despite the amendments made to section 26 of the 1989 Act by the coming into force of provision within section 10(3) of the Act, section 26 continues to have effect without amendment for the purposes of making regulations under paragraph 10(2)(l) of Schedule 6 to the Children Act 1989 (regulations as to the placing of children in private children’s homes).

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of this Act have been brought into force in relation to Wales by Commencement Order made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 8(1) (partially)	26 April 2010	2010/1329 (W. 112) (C. 81)
Section 8(2) (partially) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 1	26 April 2010	2010/1329 (W. 112) (C. 81)
Section 8(3) and Schedule 2	31 March 2010	2010/749 (W. 77) (C. 51)
Section 10(1) (partially)	26 April 2010	2010/1329 (W. 112) (C. 81)
Section 15 (partially)	26 April 2010	2010/1329 (W. 112) (C. 81)