

Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports

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SL(5)298 – The Fostering Panels (Establishment and Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2018

Procedure: Negative

The purpose of these Regulations is to impose requirements on fostering services providers (both local authorities and independent providers) in relation to the establishment and functions of fostering panels. They are intended to replace and update the requirements in Part IV of The Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003 ('the 2003 Regulations').

The Regulations broadly replicate the 2003 Regulations, but introduce two significant changes:

- the establishment of a central list of people who are considered suitable to sit on a fostering panel, and from which fostering panel members may be drawn
- the introduction of a two-stage process for the assessment of prospective foster parents.

To enable this new approach, legal powers contained in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 are used.

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

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SL(5)292 – The Adult Placement Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2019

Procedure: Affirmative

Part 1 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (“the Act”) introduces a new system of regulation of care and support services in Wales, replacing that established under the Care Standards Act 2000.

The Act introduces a new concept of “regulated services” and section 2 of the Act defines “regulated service” as including an adult placement service. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act defines “adult placement service” as a service carried on (whether or not for profit) by a local authority or other person for the purposes of placing adults with an individual in Wales under a carer agreement (and includes any arrangements for the recruitment, training and supervision of such individuals).

These Regulations impose requirements on service providers in relation to adult placement services, including requirements as to the standard of care and support to be provided to an individual who is placed under a carer agreement. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act defines “carer agreement” as an agreement for the provision by an individual of accommodation at the individual’s home together with care and support for up to three adults.

Parent Act: Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

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