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Welsh guidance issued under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (as at September 2014)

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Brief

Requests a list of circulars and guidance issued under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.

Updating activities included re-executing the searches, but also checking status of the previously listed guidance documents.

Sources: Welsh Government Library catalogue; Welsh Government web site.

Search terms: "Local Authority Social Services Act 1970"; LASSA; "section 7" "s. 7"

Findings

Guidance issued under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

This excludes Directions issued under s.7A, matters relating to complaints systems under s.7B etc. I.e. only includes guidance issued under s.7.

These findings include Welsh guidance only – and only that produced by the Welsh Office, National Assembly for Wales, Welsh Assembly Government or Welsh Government. They do not include guidance published by Whitehall departments, and this may therefore exclude joint guidance that is relevant to Wales. This list also excludes guidance published by other bodies in Wales (e.g. *Clywch* [ca. 2005] - The Children's Commissioner for Wales' report of his examination into allegations of child sexual abuse in a school setting which have been issued as statutory guidance, under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. **This listing is therefore not guaranteed as complete or exhaustive.**

Circular Number	Title	Date Published	Full text	Status
WOC 68/83	Personal social services records disclosure of	30/12/83	Copy available on request	CANCELLED - WHC(89)5 para 7 notes that WOC 68/83 will be cancelled on

	information			the coming into force of the Access to Personal Files Act 1987 and the Access to Personal Files (Social Services) Regulations 1989. Previously, WOC 68/83 was partially cancelled under WOC 46/87
WOC 40/84	Registration of residential homes and registered homes...	04/09/84	Copy available on request	Para 6 notes that the accompanying "Home Life" guidance should be treated in the same light as guidance issued under LASSA 1970 s.7.
WOC 4/86 (incorp. Home Office Circular 88/85)	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 implications for children and young persons.	10/01/86	Copy available on request	Concerns PACE Act 1984 parts I-V, X and XI. These powers are still in force, with the exception of Part X which is mostly repealed.
WOC 46/86	Section 21A child care act 1980 as inserted by the health and social services and social security adjudications act 1983, schedule 2 paragraph 50 - restrictions of liberty the secure accommodation (NO 2)(amendment) regulations 1986	06/10/86	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation. However: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Act repealed by Children Act 1989 • Secure Accommodation regulations 1983 – as amended – revoked by 1991/1505
WOC 46/87	Data protection act 1984 social work etc orders	01/10/87	Copy available on request	Cancelled by NAFWC 20/2000
WOC 31/88	Registration of residential homes	27/07/88	Copy available on request	Concerns fees for residential homes under Residential care Homes Regulations 1984 – as amended. These regulations have been revoked by Care Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002/324
WOC 41/88	Personal social services: confidentiality of personal information ...	October 1988	Copy available on request	Cancelled by NAFWC 20/2000
WOC 5/90	Conduct of community and voluntary children's homes - children's homes (control and discipline) regulations 1990	09/02/90	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation. However the 1990 regulations were revoked by Children's Homes Regulations 1991 (1991/1506).
WOC 35/90	Additional guidance: accommodation of children (charge and control) regulations 1988	20/06/90	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation. However Lexis Library notes: Accommodation of Children (Charge and Control) Regulations 1988 These Regulations lapsed on the repeal of the

				enabling authority. (Child Care Act 1980 ss. 22A and 85. This act was repealed by the Children Act 1989.
WOC 37/90	Child protection	29/06/90	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 60/90	Community care implementation: inspection units	07/12/90	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
Welsh Office	Community care guidance on inspection units [WOC 37/90 included a correction to this document published by the Secretary of State on 20/11/1991 under s.7(1) of LASSA 1970.	November 1990		Current status uncertain
WOC 1/91	Support and accommodation for people with a mental handicap....	January 1991	Copy available on request	Cancelled by WAGC 008/2010.
WOC 12/91	Disclosure of criminal background: proprietors	March 1991	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 20/91	Caring for people: community care in the next decade...	29/04/1991	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 46/91	Community care. Review of residential homes provision and transfers	07/08/91	Copy available on request	Annexes 1 and 2 of WOC 46/91 are cancelled with saving provisions by WOC 35/93. No further trace of cancellation identified.
WOC 70/91	Registered homes act 1984: Residential care homes....	28/11/91	Copy available on request	Notifies issue of The Residential Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations SI 1991/2502 and The Nursing Homes and Mental Nursing Homes (Amendment) Regulations SI 1991/2532. Both regulations lapsed on the repeal of the enabling authority by the Care Standards Act 2000, s 117(2), Sch 6, as from 1 April 2002.
WOC 53/92	Registered homes act 1984: registered homes (amendment)...	03/11/91	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 13/93	The children act and daycare for young children registration ...	05/03/93	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 24/93	National assistance (Sums for personal requirements)	01 April 1993	Copy available on request	Cancelled by WOC 13/94.

	regulations 1993			
WOC 38/93	Guidance on permissible forms of control in children's residential care...	29/04/93	Copy available on request	No trace of cancellation found.
WOC 47/93	National assistance act 1948 (choice of accommodation) (Amendment)	18/08/93	Copy available on request	Updated by NAFWC 46/2004 – still on WG website here . NAFWC 46/2004 was issued under LASSA 1970 s.7A. However there was also a Ministerial Decision of May 2011 indicating new guidance had been agreed and should be published – link here – Further research may be required.
WOC 63/93	Children act 1989: provision of accommodation and maintenance for children looked after section 23(2)(f) of the children act 1989: placement by means of other arrangements: small children's homes: application of the arrangements for placement of children (general) regulations 1991 and the review of children's cases regulations 1991	02/12/93	Copy available on request	Recirculated by WOC 56/97. Arrangements for Placement of Children (General) Regulations 1991. These Regulations were revoked in relation to Wales by SI 2007/310, reg 15, as from 1 July 2007, and in relation to England by SI 2011/582, reg 29, as from 1 April 2011. Review of Children's Cases Regulations 1991. These Regulations were revoked in relation to Wales by SI 2007/307, reg 15, as from 1 July 1997, and in relation to England by SI 2011/582, reg 29, as from 1 April 2011. Possibly - See guidance published in 2004 - Independent Reviewing Officers guidance. see also 2007 guidance <i>Towards a stable life and a brighter future</i>
WOC 67/93	The children (homes, arrangements for placements, reviews The children (homes, arrangements for placement, reviews and representation) (miscellaneous arrangements) regulations 1993	31/12/93	Copy available on request	Revoked in part by WOC 48/94. The regulations are no longer in force.
WOC 7/94	Inspection of	13/01/94	Copy available on	Current status uncertain.

	community homes		request	
WOC 11/94	Plans for children's services: second phase of Warner Report implementation	20/07/94	Copy available on request	Re-emphasised under WOC 20/96. Possibly now replaced by Children and Young People's Planning guidance 2011-14 , guidance issued under Children Act 2004, ss.25-28, but also incorporating requirements of Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010?
WOC 68/94	Citizens charter: inspecting social services in Wales	12/09/94	Copy available on request	Supplemented by WOC 56/96 Current status uncertain.
WOC 80/94	The children act 1989: registration of childminders	05/12/94	Copy available on request	Registration of Child Minders is now under Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2010/2574. Guidance is now available on the CSSIW site
WOC 72/94	Human fertilisation and embryology act 1990: parental orders ... Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990: Parental orders (human fertilisation and embryology) regulations 1994: powers and duties of local authorities, health authorities and guardians ad litem	20/12/94	Copy available on request	The 1994 Parental Orders regulations have been revoked. Powers now under Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 s.54 Parental orders
WOC 11/95	Inspection of boarding schools (section 87 Children Act 1989): further guidance	31/01/95	Copy available on request	Children Act 1989 s.87 remains in force, has been supplemented by ss. 87A, 87B and 87C. New regulations now also apply Inspection of Boarding Schools and Colleges (Powers and Fees)(Wales) Regulations 2002/3161 More recent guidance is provided in Independent schools information and registration handbook available here
WOC 44/95	Children Act 1989: respite care: series of short-term placements of children	21/08/95	Copy available on request	Guidance on amendments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Placement (Children) Regulations 1991 - Revoked by Fostering Services (Wales)

				<p>Regulations 2003/237</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of Children (General) Regulation 1991 Revoked by Placement of Children (Wales) Regulations 2007/310 • Placement of Children with Parents etc Regulations 1991 – appears to be still in force in Wales; • Review of Children's Cases Regulations 1991 – Revoked by Review of Children's Cases (Wales) Regulations 2007/307
WOC 53/95	Regulation of residential care homes	25/09/95	Copy available on request	<p>WOC 22/97 extends the validity of this circular until modified or cancelled by later guidance.</p> <p>Concerns Registered Homes Act 1984 which is now repealed on April 1, 2002 by Care Standards Act 2000 c. 14</p>
WOC 59/95	Carers (recognition and services) Act 1995: policy guidance and practice guide	14/11/95	Copy available on request	<p>The 1995 Act is still in force and no evidence of cancellation or replacement can be found.</p> <p>May have been “overtaken” or supplemented by guidance on the Carers Strategy (Wales) Measure 2010.</p>
WOC 16/96	Carers (recognition and services) act 1995: policy guidance....	20/03/96	Copy available on request	<p>The 1995 Act is still in force and no evidence of cancellation or replacement can be found.</p> <p>May have been “overtaken” or supplemented by guidance on the Carers Strategy (Wales) Measure 2010.</p>
WOC 27/97	Community care (direct payments) act 1996: policy and	24/03/97	Copy available on request	<p>Substantive parts of the Act were repealed in 2004 by Health and Social Care</p>

	practice guidance			Act 2001. See direct payments guidance of 2004 and 2011.
WOC 26/97	Implications of the nursery education voucher scheme	02/04/97	Copy available on request	Current status uncertain
WOC 33/97	Children and young persons, adoption agencies and children (arrangements	13/06/97	Copy available on request	Current status uncertain. The Regulations are still in force.
WOC 55/97	Guidance to the children (protection from offenders) (miscellaneous ...	10/10/97	Copy available on request	Current status uncertain Amends: Adoption Agencies Regulations 1983 [partially still in force], the Foster Placement (Children) Regulations 1991 – revoked in 2003, the Children's Homes Regulations 1991 – revoked in 2002 and the Disqualification for Caring for Children Regulations 1991 – revoked 2002 with saving provisions.
WOC 56/97	Police check and staff working in registered private children homes and small unregistrable children homes (Also LAC(97)18 HOC 43/97)	31 October 1997	Copy available on request	Re-circulates WOC 63/93.
WOC 3/98	Children Act 1989: regulations governing the delegation of local authority...	17/02/98	Copy available on request	Current status uncertain
WOC 27/98	Community care (residential accommodation) act	30/07/98	Copy available on request	The Act is still in force and WOC 27/98 has been referred to in later CRAG guidance. Current status uncertain
WOC 12/99	Registration and inspection of childminders: advice and good practice	03/03/99	Copy available on request	No longer current? Revised guidance available through CSSIW web site in light of Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2010
WOC 20/99	The children first programme: transforming children's services	18/05/99	Copy available on request	Later guidance was also produced up until 2005/06. This guidance was issued under s.7A LASSA.
NAFWC 6/99	Adoption: achieving the right balance	1999	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	This guidance replaces WO Circ 30/98 Current status uncertain
NAFWC 10/99	Leaving care: the government's response to the children's safeguards review	1999		This circular cancels WO Circ 24/99 See also Guidance on the implementation of the Children (Leaving Care)

	.			Act 2000 – 2001 here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 01/2000	Care plans and care proceedings under the Children Act 1989	February 2000	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	Replaced? Please also see guidance released in June 2007 by the Welsh Assembly Government: "Towards a stable life and a brighter future".
NAFWC 27/2000	In safe hands: guidance on developing multi agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse	2000		Click here
NAFWC 11/2000	Adoption (intercountry aspects) act 1999 commencement order	2000	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	Replaced by guidance issued in 2012?
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES	Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children ISBN: 0750424451	2000		Replaced by NAFWC 12/2007 Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004 (2007)
Department Of Health ; National Assembly For Wales	Framework for the assessment of children in need and their families ISBN: 075042589X	16/01/2001		Welsh Government web site here
NAFWC 02/2001	Education of children looked after by local authorities	01/11/01		Welsh Government web site here Cancels WOC 58/94 Current status uncertain
NAFWC 10/2001	Social care for deafblind children and adults	31/08/01	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	Still current? Referred to in 2008 guidance: Moving Forward: Services to Deafblind People, Practice Guidance available here
National Assembly For Wales	Children leaving care act guidance: September 2001	September 2001		Welsh Government web site here
NAFWC 28/2001	The children and family court advisory and support service (CAFCASS) and complaints about the functioning of child protection conferences	01/10/01	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	Current status uncertain
NAFWC 09/2002	Health and social care for adults: creating a unified and fair system for assessing and managing care	01/04/02		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain

NAFWC 16/2002	Adoption register for England and Wales	2002		Cancelled by NAFWC 53/2004.
NAFWC 28/2002	Fairer charging policies for home care and other non-residential social services: guidance for local authorities	2002	Copy available on request	Issued under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. Revised and updated by NAFWC 11/2007.
NAFWC 30/2002 + NAFWC 30A/2002	Policy and practice guidance for adult placement schemes + Enclosure	30/08/02		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 32/2002	Clarification of the registration requirements for supported housing & extra care schemes under the Care Standards Act 2000 - guidance for local authorities	29/08/02		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 17/2003	Fairer charging policies for home care and other non-residential social services: changes to the guidance for local authorities 7.	2003	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	This circular is issued under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and supplements and updates NAFWC 28/02. Please note that NAFWC 28/02 is updated / revised by NAFWC 11/2007
NAFWC 36/2003	The abolition of residential allowance and the part III accommodation rate 2003	03/10/2003		Available on the Welsh Government web site here
0146/2003	Promoting partnership in care: commissioning across health and social services.	2003	Copy available on request	
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES: WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT	In safe hands: update 2003	2003	Copy in English	2000 guidance was originally issued under LASSA s.7. The 3 rd supplement (2009) is still available on the WG web site here although the link to LASSA s.7 seems more tenuous.
NAFWC 06/2004	Implementation of the protocol for judicial case management in public law children act cases	01/02/04		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 18/2004	The Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (CSIW)	01/04/04		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 47/2004	Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in custody	31/10/04		Welsh Government web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC	Delegation of	26/11/04		Welsh Government web

50/2004	Decisions on Overnight Stays for Looked After Children			site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 53/2004	The adoption register for England and Wales: new arrangements	2004		This circular cancels NAFWC 16/02. This circular should be cancelled on 1 December 2007. Overtaken by developments on New National Adoption Service for Wales scheduled for November 2014?
Welsh assembly government	Independent Reviewing Officers guidance Wales: adoption and children act 2002: the review of the children's cases (amendment) (Wales) regulations 2004 ISBN: 0750434015	9 January 2004		WG web site - here
Welsh Assembly Government	Learning disability strategy: Section 7 guidance on service principles and service responses. [Referred to in WAGC 008/2010 as forming guidance issued under LASSA 1970 s. 7.]	August 2004	Copy available on request	
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES: WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT	Safeguarding children: working together for positive outcomes ISBN: 0750433329	2004		Replaced by NAFWC 12/2007 Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004 (2007)
NAFWC 11/2006	Children act 1989 guidance on private fostering	01 March 2006		WG web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 13/2006 + WHC (2006) 027	National service framework (NSF) for older people in Wales	March 2006		Available on the WG web site here Current status uncertain
NAFWC 43/2006	The Access To Information Postcommencement Adoptions (Wales) Regulations 2005 Guidance	July 2006		Welsh Government web site here
Welsh Assembly Government	Towards a stable life and a brighter future: guidance and regulations on measures to strengthen arrangements for the I. placement, health, education and well-being of looked after children and young people; and II:	6 July 2007		This guidance is issued under sections 25(8), 27(4) and 28(4) of the Children Act 2004, and section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act (LASS) 1970. Still on WG Website here

	Responsible Commissioner for secondary health care for vulnerable children placed away from home ISBN: 9780750442558			
NAFWC 11/2007	Fairer charging policies for home care and other non-residential social services update to the guidance to local authorities 2007	2007		Replaced by April 2011 guidance: Introducing More Consistency in Local Authorities' charging for Non-Residential Social Services: Guidance for Local Authorities See also NAFWCs 10.2004, 17/2003 and 32/2003 plus Fairer charging policies guidance of 2002.
NAFWC 12/2007	Safeguarding children working together under the children act : guidance to support the local safeguarding children boards (Wales) regulations 2006	2007		Chapters 1 and 2 and 4 to 10 of this guidance are issued to local authorities in Wales under section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. Still on WG web site here
Welsh Assembly Government	Statement on policy and practice for adults with a learning disability	March 2007		Available on WG web site here
Welsh Assembly Government	Safeguarding children in whom illness is fabricated or induced (2008): supplementary guidance to safeguarding children: working together under the children act 2004 ISBN: 9780750448758	2008	Copy in English	Current status uncertain. Not on current WG web site.
Welsh Assembly Government	Statutory guidance on escalating concerns with, and closures of, care homes providing services for adults	May 2009		Welsh Government web site here
Welsh Assembly Government	Statutory guidance on the role and accountabilities of the director of social services	17 June 2009		Welsh Government web site here
WAGC 01/2010	The independent review of determinations (adoption and fostering) regulations	February 2010		WG web site here

	Wales 2010 and the fostering services (amendment) Wales regulations 2010			
WAGC 008/2010	Local community living: accomodation and support for adults with a learning disability	31 March 2010	Copy in English Copy in Welsh	Makes several references to LASSA 1970 s.7 but I am not clear if this guidance is issued under such. WAGC 008/2010 is not on the current WG web site.
WAGC 016/2010	Fulfilled lives, supportive communities: commissioning framework guidance and good practice: August 2010	August 2010	Copy available on request	Status uncertain. No longer on WG web site.
WAGC 025/2010	Provision of accommodation for 16 and 17 year old people who may be homeless	01 September 2010		WG Web Site here
Welsh Assembly Government	Integrated family support services: statutory guidance and regulations. [Pioneer phase of IFSS]	September 2010		WG web site here
Welsh Government	Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation : supplementary guidance to safeguarding children: working together under the children act 2004 ISBN: 9780750458986	January 2011		WG web site here
WAGC 005/2011	National minimum maintenance allowances for foster carers 2011-14	23/02/11		WG web site here
WAGC 009/2011	The visits to former looked after children in detention (Wales Regulations): Statutory guidance on local authority responsibilities towards former looked after children in custody	March 2011		WG Web site here
WAGC 011/2011	The care standards act 2000 (notification) (Wales) regulations 2011	March 2011		WG Web site here
Welsh Assembly	Direct Payments Guidance	April 2011		WG web site here

Government	Community Care, Services for Carers and Children's Services (Direct Payments) (Wales) Guidance 2011			
WAGC 12/2011	The visits to children in long-term residential care regulations 2011: statutory	April 2011		WG web site here
	Introducing More Consistency in Local Authorities' Charging for Non-Residential Social Services: Guidance for Local Authorities ISBN 9780750462422	April 2011		Welsh Government web site here Replaces NAFWC 11/2007 and Fairer charging guidance of 2002
WGC 015/2012	Reconnecting to care for former relevant children in Wales: statutory guidance on local authority responsibilities towards former relevant young people	02 October 2012		WG web site here
WGC 005/2012	Junior individual savings accounts (Junior ISAs) for looked after children in Wales: statutory guidance on local authority responsibilities towards looked after children	15 October 2012		WG web site here
Welsh Government	Adoption and children act 2002: intercountry adoption guidance and information on processes	21 November 2012		WG web site here
Welsh Government	Integrated assessment, planning and review arrangements for older people: guidance for professionals in supporting the health, care and well-being of older people E-ISBN: 9781473405363 / 9781473405370	02 December 2013		WG web site here
WAGC 008/2014	Charges for residential accommodation - CRAG amendment no 28: national assistance (sums for personal requirements) (assessment of resources and miscellaneous amendments) (Wales) regulations	April 2014		CRAG guidance is revised annually. Previous editions are excluded from this listing. Link here Some earlier editions are available here

	The Children Act 1989 guidance and regulations Volume 1: Court orders	08 May 2014		Welsh Government web site here
	A guide to handling complaints and representations by local authority social services Digital ISBN 9781473414679	August 2014	Replaced Listening and learning 2006 guidance.	Welsh Government web site here

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