

SL(5)350 – Code of Practice: Local Authority Fostering Services

Background and Purpose

The guidance in this code sets out how local authority fostering services providers and local authority managers may comply with the requirements imposed by The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018 ('the Regulations'). These requirements are contained within Parts 2 to 11 of the Regulations.

However, local authority fostering services providers will be responsible for deciding how the requirements will be met, taking into account the needs of children using the service and the statement of purpose for the service.

Care Inspectorate Wales will use this code of practice to inform decisions about the extent to which local authority fostering services providers are meeting the requirements set out in the Regulations, and as a basis for their inspections of local authority fostering services.

Procedure

A draft of the code must be laid before the Assembly. If, within 40 days (excluding any time when the Assembly is dissolved or is in recess for more than 4 days) of the draft being laid, the Assembly resolves not to approve the draft code then the Welsh Ministers must not issue the code.

If no such resolution is made, the Welsh Ministers must issue the code (in the form of the draft) and the code comes into force on a day specified in an order made by the Welsh Ministers.

Scrutiny under Standing Order 21.7

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.7 in respect of this code.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.7 in respect of this code.

Government Response

No government response is required.

Legal Advisers

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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