

Codes of Practice

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Codes of practice provide guidance, backed by law, to help people and organisations work within the new framework created by an Act.

You can find links to the codes of practice issued under Section 145 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. Local authorities must act in accordance with the codes of practice and their requirements when exercising their social services functions.

- [Part 2 Code of Practice \(General Functions\)](#)
- [Part 3 Code of Practice \(Assessing the Needs of Individuals\)](#)
- [Part 4 Code of Practice \(Meeting Needs\)](#)
- [Part 4 and 5 Code of Practice \(Charging and Financial Assessment\)](#) – this revised code came into effect on 8 April 2019.
- [Part 6 Code of Practice \(Looked After and Accommodated Children\)](#)- this revised code came into effect on 2 April 2018
- [Part 8 Code of Practice on the Role of the Director of Social Services \(Social Services Functions\)](#)
- [Part 10 Code of Practice \(Advocacy\)](#)
- [Part 11 Code of Practice \(Miscellaneous and General\)](#)

Read the [Minister's written statement](#) announcing the issuing of the codes of practice above (except the Part 8 Code) on 18 December 2015.

Appointed Day Orders

- [The Social Services Codes \(Appointed Day\) \(Wales\) Order 2016](#)

This Order appoints 6 April 2016 as the day on which the codes of practice issued by the Welsh Ministers under Section 145 (1) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 come into force.

- [The Social Services Code \(Role of the Director of Social Services\) \(Appointed Day\) \(Wales\) Order 2016](#)

This Order appoints 6 April 2016 as the day on which the Part 8 Code of Practice on the Role of the Director of Social Services (Social Services Functions) comes into force.

Other codes of practice under the Act

- [Code of Practice on Measuring Social Services Performance](#)

Read the [Minister's written statement announcing the issuing of the Code of Practice on Measuring Social Services](#), as well as [his written statement about the laying of the Code of Practice before the National Assembly in June 2015](#).

- [Code of Practice on the exercise of social services functions in relation to special guardianship orders](#)

Local authorities, when exercising their functions in respect of special guardianship orders, are required to act in accordance with the requirements contained in the code and have regard to any guidelines set out in it.

- [Code of practice for local authority adoption services](#)
- [Code of practice for local authority fostering services](#)