SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 258 (C. 25)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

The Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*8th September 2026*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*10th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*30th September 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 70(2) of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026(**a**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 30 September 2026.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the 2014 Act" means the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014(**b**),

"the Act" means the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026.

Appointed day

2.—(1) 30 September 2026 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule (the subject matter of which is described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table).

(**a**) 2026 asp 16.
(**b**) 2014 asp 8.

(2) Where a purpose is specified in column 3 of that table, the corresponding provision specified in column 1 comes into force in accordance with paragraph (1) only for that purpose.

SIOBHIAN BROWN
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
8th September 2026

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Provisions of the Act coming into force on 30 September 2026

Column 1 (provision of the Act)	Column 2 (subject matter)	Column 3 (purpose)
Section 8(10)	Advocacy services for care-experienced persons	For the purpose of commencing the definitions of "care-experienced persons" for the purpose of consulting on regulations to be made under section 8 or section 9 of the Act.
Section 8(11)	Advocacy services for care-experienced persons	For the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on regulations to be made under section 8 or section 9 of the Act.
Section 8(12)	Advocacy services for care-experienced persons	
Section 10(6)	Duties of public authorities etc. in relation to care experience	For the purpose of commencing the definitions of "care-experienced persons" for the purpose of consulting on regulations to be made under section 10(1) of the Act.
Section 11(1)	Regulations under section 10: further provision	For the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on regulations to be made under section 10(1) of the Act.
Section 12	Review of permanence	
Section 13	Interpretation	
Section 16(2)	Guidance on family group decision-making services	For the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on guidance on family group decision-making services in Scotland in accordance with section 69C(4) of the 2014 Act (as inserted by section 16 of the Act).
Section 18(2)	Guidance in relation to kinship care assistance functions	For the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on guidance about the provision of kinship care assistance in accordance with section 73A(3) of the 2014 Act (as inserted by section 18 of the Act).
Section 29	Services taking cross-border placements	
Section 36	Allowances and other payments	
Section 39	Report on deaths of care-experienced persons	

Column 1 (provision of the Act)	Column 2 (subject matter)	Column 3 (purpose)
Section 60(2)(a)	Lead children's services planning bodies	For the purpose of commencing the definitions of "lead children's services planning bodies" and "relevant integration joint board" for the purpose of consulting on any regulations to be made under section 13(1A) of the 2014 Act (as inserted by section 63 of the Act).
Section 63	Reporting on children's services plans	
Section 64	Report on family group decision-making services	
Section 65	Review of the Act	
Section 66	Report on fulfilment of the Promise	
Section 69	Meaning of "child"	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring provisions of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 ("the Act") into force. The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 15 May 2026. By virtue of section 70 of the Act, that section together with sections 67, 68 and 71 came into force on 16 May 2026.

Regulation 2(1) and the schedule bring the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule into force on 30 September 2026. Where relevant, these provisions are brought into force for the purposes stated in column 3 of that table only.

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