POLICY NOTE

THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING (SPECIFIED DATE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2016

SSI 2016/255

1. The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(2)(a) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 ("the 2014 Act"). The instrument comes into force on 7th October 2016 and is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The objective of this instrument is to specify the date of 1 April 2017 as the date for the beginning of the first 3 year period mentioned in section 8(2)(a) of the 2014 Act. A local authority and the relevant health board are required by section 8(1) of the 2014 Act to prepare a children's services plan for each 3 year period. The first 3 year period will start on 1st April 2017 and the first children's services plan will cover the three year period from 1 April 2017 to 1 April 2020. Thereafter a children's services plan is required for each subsequent 3 year period.

3. The children's services plan is a document that sets out the plans of local authorities and relevant health boards for the provision of all children's services and related services for the local authority area over the three year period.

Purpose of the SSI

4. This SSI provides the date on which the first children's services plans require to be in place.

Financial implications

5. There are no financial implications for the Scottish Government.

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