

# Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

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## AMENDMENTS

### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]*

Amendment  
No.

#### Clause 10

LORD BELLINGHAM

**107D★** Clause 10, page 14, line 32, at end insert —

“(2A) Regional co-operation arrangements must include the local integrated care board in their development, delivery and governance.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*The amendment aims to highlight the need to include health agencies in the regional cooperation arrangements.*

#### After Clause 10

BARONESS BARRAN

**119ZA★** After Clause 10, insert the following new Clause —

**“Principles for local authority commissioned accommodation**

When accommodation is commissioned for looked after children under Section 22J of the Children Act 1989, the relevant local authorities must seek to —

- (a) only commission whole homes, not individual places;
- (b) ensure homes commissioned solely work with the relevant local authorities;
- (c) place children within, or as close as possible to, the local authority area in which they currently reside;
- (d) ensure the responsibility for decision making in respect of a child's placement remains with the local authority rather than the regional care cooperative;
- (e) commission homes in areas as agreed by an annual sufficiency strategy to meet need;
- (f) ensure accommodation providers remain relationally connected to children even when they move on;

- (g) ensure emergency accommodation is commissioned within the local area;
- (h) accurately record and report the number of placements;
- (i) ensure all homes have embedded speech and language therapy and clinical psychology provision;
- (j) ensure homes aim to provide permanence and have links to connected foster care provision;
- (k) ensure homes provide an edge of care service in partnership with local authorities who are using the places when the relevant home is not full;
- (l) ensure residential care is used to stabilise and act as a bridge to permanence.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to establish a series of core principles for local authorities to follow when accommodation is commissioned for looked after children under Section 22J of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Clause 10).*

**Clause 66**

LORD BELLINGHAM

**506C★** Clause 66, page 124, line 21, at end insert –

“(3A) Section 10 may not come into force until the Secretary of State has published an evaluation of the impact, cost and effectiveness of the Regional Care Cooperatives pathfinder areas.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would delay the implementation of regional cooperation arrangements until the pilots can be fully evaluated.*



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