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[Supplementary to the Revised Marshalled List]

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After Clause 9

BARONESS MASSEY OF DARWEN

98AA★ Insert the following new Clause—

“Pathway plans for looked after children and care leavers who are young parents

(1) After section 23E of the Children Act 1989 insert—

“23F Pathway plans for looked after children and care leavers who are young parents

(1) This section applies in the case of any looked after child or care leaver who is—

(a) an eligible child entitled to have a pathway plan prepared pursuant to paragraph 19B(4) of Schedule 2;

(b) a relevant child entitled to have a pathway plan prepared pursuant to section 23B(3)(b); or

(c) a former relevant child entitled to have a pathway plan reviewed pursuant to section 23C(3)(b).

(2) Where a looked after child or care leaver to whom this section applies is also a parent, a pathway plan must—

(a) identify the advice, assistance and support to be offered to assist the looked after child or care leaver as a young parent, and

(b) set out how the advice, assistance and support is to be or, is being, coordinated with—

(i) any assessment in respect of the young parent’s child being carried out by a local authority, and

(ii) any service provision for the young parent’s child provided by a local authority.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “assessments” and “provision” include—

(a) assessments, plans and support provided for under statutory guidance including Early Help Assessments, pre-birth assessments and any assessments or support in relation to a pre-proceedings process;
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(b) assessments, plans and support provided under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (provision of services for children in need, their families and others);
(c) accommodation provided under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 (provision of accommodation for children); and
(d) investigation under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and any resultant child protection plan.

(4) For the purposes of this section “coordination” includes—
(a) formal information sharing in writing and through meetings between relevant professionals including—
   (i) personal advisers;
   (ii) current or previous social workers for the looked after child or care leaver;
   (iii) where the looked after child or care leaver is a young parent, any social worker for the looked after child or care leaver’s child; and
   (iv) any foster carer, residential key worker or other relevant professional involved with the looked after child or care leaver;
(b) the pathway plan being informed by any assessment, plans or support in respect of the looked after child or care leaver’s child; and
(c) information in, or proposed to be in, the pathway plan being drawn upon to inform assessment, planning or support in respect of the looked after child or care leaver’s child.

(5) In this section “young parent” means a looked after child or care leaver falling within the ambit of section 23F(1) who is—
(a) an expectant parent;
(b) a parent who has their child or children in their care; or
(c) a parent who has had a child removed to kinship care, local authority care or adoption.”

98AB★ Insert the following new Clause—

“Assessment of needs

(1) The Care Leavers (England) Regulations 2010 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 5 (assessment of needs)—
   (a) after paragraph (4)(a)(vi) insert—
      “(vii) if the child is a parent, the child’s needs as a young parent,”;
   (b) after paragraph (4)(b)(x) insert—
      “(xi) any foster carer, residential key worker or other relevant professional who previously cared for or supported the child, and”;
   (c) after paragraph (5)(a)(i) insert—
      “(ia) if the former relevant child is a young parent, the former relevant child’s needs as a young parent, and”;

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(d) after paragraph (5)(b) insert—
   (c) where the former relevant child is a young parent, ensure that the assessment is coordinated with any assessment being progressed in respect of the former relevant child’s child, and any provision made further to that assessment;

(e) after paragraph (6)(c) insert—
   “(d) “young parent” means—
   (i) an expectant parent;
   (ii) a parent who has their child or children in their care; or
   (iii) a parent who has had a child removed to kinship care, local authority care or adoption.”

(3) In regulation 8(1)(d) after “plan” insert “including its coordination with any assessment, provision or care plan in respect of a child of the relevant or former relevant child, where the relevant or former relevant child is a young parent.”

(4) In regulation 9(2)(a)(support and accommodation) after “disability,” insert “and where applicable, their needs as a young parent,”

(5) In regulation 9(3) after “Schedule 2” insert “and to the support in place relating to the relevant child being a young parent.”

(6) In Schedule 1 (matters to be dealt with in the pathway plan and review), after paragraph 10 insert—
   “11 Details of the child’s needs as a young parent and how the pathway plan is to be coordinated with any assessment being progressed in respect of the child’s child, and any provision made further to that assessment.

(7) In Schedule 2 (matters to be considered in determining the suitability of accommodation)—
   (a) in paragraph 1(e) after “support,” insert “including any support in place, or to be put in place, for the relevant child as a young parent, whether that support is detailed in the relevant child’s pathway plan or within any assessments or plans in respect of the relevant child’s child or unborn child.”.
   (b) after paragraph 1(g), insert—
   “(h) whether the relevant child is a young parent.””
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