



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
20 November 2015 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

After clause 3 insert -

‘Co-operation to identify, assess, and provide services to, children with special educational needs

3A. Before Article 13 of the 1996 Order insert—

“Co-operation to identify, assess, and provide services to, children with special educational needs

12A.—(1) The board and the health and social services authorities (“the relevant bodies”) shall co-operate with one other to identify, assess, and provide services to, children with special educational needs.

(2) The relevant bodies shall share information with one another on request.

(3) But information about a child may only be shared with the permission of that child, if the child is over compulsory school age, or the parent of the child in any other case.

(4) The relevant bodies must co-operate to prepare a joint and integrated plan for exercising their functions in accordance with this Article.

(5) The relevant bodies may pool budgets and share resources for the purposes of exercising their functions in accordance with this Article.

(6) In this Article, “health and social services authorities” comprises—

(a) the Regional Board for Health and Social Care; and

(b) the health and social care trusts established under Article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.”

Chair, Committee for Education

As an amendment to the amendment to insert New Clause 3A, tabled by the Chair, Committee for Education

After subsection (6) insert—

(7) The Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) established under Article 3 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 9) must, at intervals of not more than 2 years, conduct a review, and publish a report, on how the relevant bodies have co-operated with one another under this Article. ”

Chair, Committee for Education’.

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 33

At end insert -

‘(2A) After paragraph (4), insert—

“(4A) If, in helping a board in the making of an assessment under Article 15, the health and social services authority identifies any therapeutic or other treatment, or service, likely to be beneficial to the child, the health and social services authority shall provide that treatment or service to the child.”’

Chair, Committee for Education

New Clause

After clause 5 insert -

‘Nature and extent of special educational provision

5A. In Article 16 of the 1996 Order (statement of special educational needs) in paragraph (3)(b), after “specify” insert “the nature and extent of”.’

Chair, Committee for Education