

## **Key Aspects of the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 202-**

The draft Law's main objective is to promote and support the wellbeing, and safeguard the welfare, of children and young people in Jersey – the key aspects of draft Law include:

- ✚ provisions that provide a gateway to early help when it is required through arrangements for wellbeing assessments.
- ✚ a duty on the Minister for Children and Education to assess the needs of children with health or development needs, children in care and care leavers along with a general duty on the Minister to provide a range and level of services appropriate to meet the assessed needs of these groups of children and care leavers.
- ✚ a duty on responsible Ministers<sup>1</sup> to make arrangements to promote cooperation to promote wellbeing and to publish a children and young people's strategic plan.
- ✚ a duty on the safeguarding partners<sup>2</sup> to make arrangements for safeguarding and to review child deaths.
- ✚ a range of measures concerning the wellbeing of children in care and care leavers, including corporate parenting and a framework of support for children in care and care leavers;
- ✚ a requirement on the Minister to make arrangements for independent advocacy for certain groups and establish a procedure for complaints and representation – this includes children with a health or development need, looked after children and care leavers.
- ✚ provision for the publication of statutory guidance throughout the draft Law to provide further detail and interpretation as to the requirements of the draft Law in terms of operational practice. This is intended to be supported by training.

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<sup>1</sup> Any reference in the draft Law to responsible Ministers means the Minister for Children and Education, Minister for Health and Social Services, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Housing and Communities.

<sup>2</sup> The safeguarding partners are defined in the draft Law and include the Chief Officers of the Government of Jersey/States Departments for which the responsible Ministers are each respectively assigned responsibility (apart from the Minister for Housing and Communities), the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief of Police.