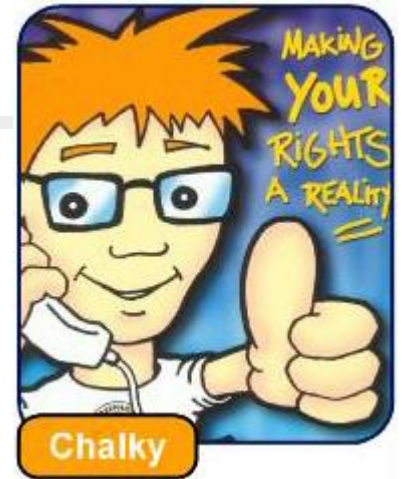


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What does CLC Do?



Provides information, advice and legal representation

Advocates on Children's Rights

Engages in legislation and policy commentary

Promotes and monitors the implementation of Children's Rights

Provides education and training on Children's Rights

Promotes participation by children and young people

Works in partnership with children, parents and carers and other agencies

Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

- Article 17 - a child shall be taken to be in need if—
- (a) he is unlikely to achieve or maintain, or to have the opportunity of achieving or maintaining, a reasonable standard of health or development without the provision for him of services by an authority under this Part;
- (b) his health or development is likely to be significantly impaired, or further impaired, without the provision for him of such services; or
- (c) he is disabled,
- and "family", in relation to such a child, includes any person who has parental responsibility for the child and any other person with whom he has been living.

Information

- Every authority must publish information about its services provided under Articles 18, 19, 21, 35 and 36; and
- (b) where the authority considers it appropriate, about the provision by others including voluntary organisations, of services which the authority has power to provide under those Articles and
- (2) Every authority must take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that those who might benefit from the services receive the information relevant to them. (Schedule 2)

Article 18

- (1) It shall be the general duty of every authority (in addition to the other duties imposed by this Part)—
 - (a) to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within its area who are in need; and
 - (b) so far as is consistent with that duty, to promote the upbringing of such children by their families,
- by providing a range and level of personal social services appropriate to those children's needs.

International Standards

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) and HRA