

# What will the Law do?

## Summary of the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022

### Bringing Jersey's legislation up to date

In response to the 2017 Independent Jersey Care Inquiry Report, the Government of Jersey made a commitment to update its legislative framework.

The States Assembly passed the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022 in February 2022 which sets out a series of new arrangements to support children and young people.

The Law came into effect on 26 March 2024.

### Overarching objective

The overriding objective of the new Law is to promote, safeguard and support the wellbeing of children and young people in Jersey.

### New responsibilities

The Law includes responsibilities for everyone who works with and/or provides services to children, young people and their families.

Defined duties are placed on responsible Ministers, safeguarding partners, corporate parents and relevant providers. The groups are defined in the Law and have a legal responsibility to work together.

### Strengthening child protection

Early intervention and assessment is recognised as an essential part of promoting the wellbeing and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.

### Looked after children and care leavers

New statutory measures and support for looked after children and care leavers are introduced through duties imposed on the Minister for Children and Families.

The Minister has a general duty to provide children who are looked after and care leavers with a range and level of services appropriate to their needs.

### Information sharing

Sharing the right information with the right people at the right time underpins the response to need.

The Law sets out responsibilities for working together and the statutory guidance explains the lawful basis for sharing information along with the data protection and human rights principles.

### Statutory Guidance and training

The Law is a framework law and requires statutory guidance to support practitioners and partners working with and for children and young people to understand roles and responsibilities under the Law.

Training resources are also available to explain key elements of the statutory guidance.

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