

These notes refer to the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 24 January 2018

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS AND EDUCATION TRIBUNAL (WALES) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT

Part 2 – Additional Learning Needs

Chapter 1 – Key Terms, Code and Participation

Participation, United Nations conventions and access to information

Section 9 - Advice and information

25. **Section 9** requires local authorities to ensure that those who have an interest in the operation of the new ALN system (including children, children’s parents and young people) are provided with information and advice about ALN and the system provided for by the Act. In doing so local authorities must have regard to the principle that the information and advice is provided in an impartial manner. Local authorities must also make the availability of information and advice services, dispute avoidance and resolution services, and independent advocacy services, known to schools and others. In turn, governing bodies, when informed of these matters, have a duty to make them known to their pupils, pupils’ parents and case friends or their students (subsections (4) and (5)). The ALN code may impose further requirements related to advice and information (see section 4(5)).