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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 255**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

**The Children's Services Planning  
(Specified Date) (Scotland) Order 2016**

*Made* - - - - 6th September 2016  
*Laid before the Scottish  
Parliament* - - - - 8th September 2016  
*Coming into force* - - 7th October 2016

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(2) (a) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014<sup>(1)</sup> and all other powers enabling them to do so.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Children's Services Planning (Specified Date) (Scotland) Order 2016 and comes into force on 7th October 2016.

**Specified date**

2. The date specified for the purposes of section 8(2)(a) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (requirement to prepare children's services plan) is 1st April 2017.

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh  
6th September 2016

*MARK McDONALD*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order specifies the date of 1st April 2017 as the date from which the first 3 year period begins for the purposes of local authorities and health boards preparing a children's services plan in accordance with the requirement placed on them by section 8(1) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

This means that the first children's services plan which local authorities and health boards must prepare under Part 3 of the 2014 Act should plan the provision of children's services and related services in their areas during the period from 1st April 2017 to 1st April 2020.