

## **APPENDIX: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE: DISABLED CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE**

- 1.1 To review the laws relating to the provision of support and services for disabled children in England, and the wider legal frameworks in which they are contained; with a view to making recommendations aimed at simplifying and modernising them, and at promoting clarity and consistency of understanding as to entitlements.
- 1.2 The review will focus on the provision of support and services in the context of family-based care. In particular, it will not extend to deprivation of liberty or secure accommodation of disabled children.
- 1.3 The review will consider whether existing duties (specifically the inclusion of disabled children as children in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989) and accompanying statutory guidance sufficiently meet the specific needs of disabled children and their families.
- 1.4 In carrying out this review, the Law Commission will have regard to the Government's wider work on children's social care, and how the legislation relating to disabled children aligns with other parts of the statute book concerning social care, support for Special Educational Needs and children's rights more generally.