

*These notes refer to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (c.3)*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (WALES) ACT 2015**

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