

# Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

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# PART 6

## SOCIAL CARE WORKERS: FITNESS TO PRACTISE

# **CHAPTER 7**

## GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY

## 162 Guidance about fitness to practise

- (1) SCW may publish guidance about factors which in its view may make it appropriate, or inappropriate, for a fitness to practise panel or an interim orders panel to make or confirm an interim order under Chapter 4.
- (2) A fitness to practise panel or an interim orders panel must have regard to guidance published under subsection (1) in exercising any function under Chapter 4.
- (3) SCW may publish guidance about factors which in its view may make it appropriate, or inappropriate, for a fitness to practise panel to do any of the following—
  - (a) reach a consensual disposal of a matter under section 135 or 136;
  - (b) give advice or a warning under section 137;
  - (c) dispose of any matter in any of the ways mentioned in section 138(3) to (9);
  - (d) make an immediate order under section 140;
  - (e) dispose of a matter on review in any of the ways mentioned in sections 152 to 155.

(4) SCW may publish guidance about—

(a) particular undertakings, or kinds of undertakings, which may be agreed by a fitness to practise panel, and when it may be appropriate or inappropriate to agree such undertakings;

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- (b) particular conditions, or kinds of conditions, which may be included in a conditional registration order, and when it may be appropriate or inappropriate to include such conditions;
- (c) the period of time for which any of the following should have effect—
  - (i) undertakings;
  - (ii) conditions included in a conditional registration order;
  - (iii) a suspension order.
- (5) SCW may publish guidance about factors which it thinks should be taken into account in determining whether or not a registered person's fitness to practise is impaired on the grounds of adverse physical or mental health.
- (6) A fitness to practise panel must have regard to guidance published under subsections(3) to (5) in exercising any function under this Part.