

# Public Health (Wales) Act 2017

#### 2017 anaw 2

#### PART 5

#### INTIMATE PIERCING

### Enforcement

## 97 Enforcement action by local authorities

- (1) A local authority may—
  - (a) bring prosecutions in respect of offences in its area under section 95;
  - (b) investigate complaints in respect of alleged offences in its area under section 95;
  - (c) take any other steps with a view to reducing the incidence of offences under section 95 in its area.
- (2) A local authority must—
  - (a) consider, at least once in every period of twelve months, the extent to which it is appropriate for the authority to carry out in its area a programme of enforcement action in relation to section 95, and
  - (b) to the extent that it considers it appropriate to do so, carry out such a programme.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a programme of enforcement action in relation to section 95 is a programme involving the taking of all or any of the steps referred to in subsection (1).
- (4) For the purpose of the exercise of its functions under subsection (2), a local authority must carry out such consultation as it considers appropriate with the chief officer of police for a police area any part of which falls within the area of the local authority.