



Health (Wales) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 4

Health Professions Wales

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- (1) The National Assembly for Wales may by order establish a body corporate, to be known as Health Professions Wales or Proffesiynau Iechyd Cymru (but referred to in this Act as HPW).
- (2) HPW is to have such functions in relation to health care professions and health care support workers as may be conferred on it under this section.
- (3) The Assembly may by order provide for HPW to carry out functions on behalf of the Assembly.
- (4) The Assembly may by order make provision enabling HPW to—
 - (a) enter into arrangements with the Health Professions Council for carrying out functions on behalf of that Council in relation to Wales;
 - (b) enter into arrangements with the Nursing and Midwifery Council for carrying out functions on behalf of that Council in relation to Wales;
 - (c) enter into arrangements with any other body for carrying out functions on behalf of that body in relation to Wales;
 - (d) carry out any such arrangements.
- (5) The reference in subsection (3) to functions of the Assembly does not include a reference to the function of making, confirming or approving subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#)).
- (6) The carrying out of functions by HPW on behalf of the Assembly or any other body does not affect the responsibility of the Assembly or the body concerned.
- (7) The Assembly may by order make provision about the constitution of HPW (and may in particular make provision similar to that made by Schedule 2).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (8) “Health care profession” means a profession (whether or not regulated by virtue of any enactment) which is concerned (wholly or partly) with the physical or mental health of individuals.
- (9) “Health care support worker” means a person employed to provide support for one or more members of a health care profession.