



National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 42

PART 14

SUPPLEMENTARY

206 Interpretation

(1) In this Act (except where the context otherwise requires)—

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“dental practitioner” means a person registered in the dentists register under the Dentists Act 1984 (c. 24),

“facilities” includes the provision of (or the use of) premises, goods, materials, vehicles, plant or apparatus,

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“financial year” means a period of 12 months ending with 31st March in any year,

“functions” includes powers and duties,

“goods” include accommodation,

“the health service” means the health service continued under section 1(1) and under section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41),

“health service hospital” means a hospital vested in the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of their functions under this Act or vested in an NHS trust,

“hospital” means—

- (a) any institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from illness,
- (b) any maternity home, and
- (c) any institution for the reception and treatment of persons during convalescence or persons requiring medical rehabilitation,

and includes clinics, dispensaries and out-patient departments maintained in connection with any such home or institution, and “hospital accommodation” must be construed accordingly,

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“illness” includes [^{F3}any disorder or disability of the mind] and any injury or disability requiring medical or dental treatment or nursing,

[^{F4}“integrated care board” means a body established under section 14Z25 of the National Health Service Act 2006,]

“local authority” means a county council, a county borough council, a district council, a London borough council, and the Common Council of the City of London,

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“local pharmaceutical services” means such services as are prescribed under section 92(7) or paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 7,

“local social services authority” means the council of a non-metropolitan county, of a county borough or of a metropolitan district or London borough, or the Common Council of the City of London,

“medical” includes surgical,

“medical practitioner” means a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30),

“medicine” includes such chemical re-agents as are included in a list approved by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of section 80,

“modifications” includes additions, omissions and amendments,

[^{F6}“NHS body” means—

- (a) a Special Health Authority,
- (b) an NHS trust,
- (c) an NHS foundation trust,
- (d) a Local Health Board,
- (e) [^{F7}NHS England], and
- (f) [^{F8}an integrated care board.]

“NHS trust” includes an NHS trust established under the National Health Service Act 2006 [^{F9}(including a body that becomes a National Health Service trust by virtue of an order made under section ^{F10}... 65E(1) of that Act)],

“officer” includes servant,

“optometrist” means a person registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7 of the Opticians Act 1989 (c. 44) ^{F11}... or a body corporate registered in the register of bodies corporate maintained under section 9 of that Act carrying on business as an optometrist,

“patient” includes a woman who is pregnant or breast-feeding or who has recently given birth,

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Welsh Ministers,

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“property” includes rights,

[^{F13}“registered pharmacist” means a person registered as a pharmacist in Part 1 or 4 of the register maintained under article 19 of the Pharmacy Order 2010,]

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“regulations” means regulations made by the Welsh Ministers,

“Special Health Authority” includes a Special Health Authority established under the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41),

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“university” includes a university college,

“voluntary organisation” means a body the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit, but does not include any public or local authority.

- (2) In this Act (except where the context otherwise requires) any reference to a body established under this Act or the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 00) includes a reference to a body continued in existence by virtue of this Act or that Act.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to the purposes of a hospital is a reference to its general purposes and to any specific purpose.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 148(a)**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F2** S. 206(1): definition of "the FHSAA" omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), **Sch. 2 para. 140**
- F3** S. 206(1): words in definition of "illness" substituted (3.11.2008) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 1(4), 56(1), **Sch. 1 para. 25**; S.I. 2008/1900, **art. 2(a)** (with art. 3, Sch.)
- F4** Words in s. 206(1) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 148(b)**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F5** S. 206(1): definition of "local education authority" omitted (5.5.2010) by virtue of [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 5(1)(2), **Sch. 2 para. 61(4)**, Sch. 3 Pt. 2
- F6** Words in s. 206(1) inserted (1.2.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), **Sch. 21 para. 38(1)(b)** (with Sch. 21 para. 38(2)); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(4) (with art. 13)
- F7** Words in s. 206 substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(2); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F8** Words in s. 206(1) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 148(c)**; S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F9** Words in s. 206(1) inserted (15.2.2010 for specified purposes) by [Health Act 2009 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 18(12), 40(1); S.I. 2010/30, **art. 3(b)**
- F10** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (1.11.2012) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. 173(8), 306(4); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)
- F11** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The European Qualifications \(Health and Social Care Professions\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/593\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 15** (with reg. 12A, Sch. 5 Pt. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1394, regs. 4, 13); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), **Sch. 21 para. 38(1)(c)**; S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F13** S. 206(1): definition of "registered pharmacist" substituted (27.9.2010) by [The Pharmacy Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/231\)](#), arts. 1, 68, **Sch. 4 para. 14(4)**; S.I. 2010/1621, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.
- F14** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Social Security Coordination \(Reciprocal Healthcare\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/776\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4(b)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)** and by virtue of [The National Health Service \(Cross-Border Healthcare and Miscellaneous Amendments etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/777\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4(3)(f)** (with reg. 15, Sch. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1348, **regs. 10-12**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F15** Words in s. 206(1) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), **Sch. 21 para. 38(1)(d)**; S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 71, 72, 78, 80, 109, 198, 206 modified (temp.) (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), ss. 5, 8(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)

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- C2** S. 206 modified (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\)](#), ss. 4, 8(2), **Sch. 2 para. 11** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- C3** S. 206(1) modified (temp.) (1.2.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), **Sch. 21 para. 38(2)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(4) (with art. 13)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 206(1) words omitted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 101](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 201A-201C inserted by [2017 c. 23 s. 9](#)
- s. 201C(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 118\(2\)](#)
- s. 201C(4) inserted by [2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 118\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 1(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 21 s. 32\(3\)](#)