



# Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

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*National strategy*

## **3 Duty to prepare, publish and review a national strategy**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must prepare and publish a strategy (a “national strategy”) which—
  - (a) specifies objectives that the Welsh Ministers consider will, if achieved, contribute to the pursuit of the purpose of this Act;
  - (b) specifies the periods of time within which the Welsh Ministers expect to achieve the specified objectives;
  - (c) identifies the actions the Welsh Ministers propose to take to achieve the specified objectives.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may specify objectives relating to Wales or any part of Wales.
- (3) The first national strategy must be published no later than 6 months after the date on which the first general election is held following the commencement of this section.
- (4) No later than 6 months after the date of each subsequent general election, the Welsh Ministers must review the national strategy.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may review the national strategy at any other time.
- (6) If the Welsh Ministers decide to revise the national strategy following a review, they must publish the revised strategy as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) The Welsh Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate before—
  - (a) publishing the first national strategy under this section;
  - (b) revising the national strategy.
- (8) In this section, “general election” means—
  - (a) the poll held at an ordinary general election under section 3 of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c.32\)](#), or

(b) the poll held at an extraordinary general election under section 5 of that Act.

**4 Duty to implement the national strategy**

The Welsh Ministers must, in exercising their functions, take all reasonable steps to achieve the objectives specified in the most recently published national strategy.