



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

2016 anaw 2

## PART 1

### REGULATION OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

#### CHAPTER 1

##### INTRODUCTION

## 1 Overview of Part 1

In this Part—

- (a) this Chapter defines some key terms including what is meant by a “regulated service” in this Act, and sets out the general objectives of the Welsh Ministers in relation to the regulation of such services;
- (b) Chapter 2 sets out the Welsh Ministers' functions in relation to registering persons who provide regulated services, including provision about varying and cancelling registrations and provision about notifications and appeals;
- (c) Chapter 3 sets out the Welsh Ministers' powers to require information and to carry out inspections;
- (d) Chapter 4 confers some general functions on the Welsh Ministers in relation to regulated services;
- (e) Chapter 5 makes provision for offences and penalties;
- (f) Chapter 6 amends the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 4) to make provision in respect of the social services functions of local authorities (on which, see Schedule 2 to the 2014 Act) including, in particular, provision about—
  - (i) annual reports by local authorities;

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- (ii) powers for the Welsh Ministers to conduct reviews of the way in which those functions are exercised;
  - (iii) powers allowing for the inspection of premises used in connection with the exercise of those functions;
  - (iv) powers for the Welsh Ministers to require information relating to the exercise of those functions;
  - (v) offences in connection with inspections or requirements to provide information;
  - (vi) powers for the Welsh Ministers to regulate the exercise of those local authority functions which relate to looked after and accommodated children;
- (g) Chapter 7 makes provision for the Welsh Ministers to monitor the financial sustainability of certain service providers and to prepare and publish reports about the stability of the market for social care services in Wales.

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**Commencement Information**

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