



Public Health (Wales) Act 2017

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PART 5

INTIMATE PIERCING

Offences related to intimate piercing

96 What is an intimate piercing?

- (1) For the purposes of section 95, an intimate piercing is a body piercing performed on an intimate body part listed in subsection (2), where performed otherwise than in the course of a medical procedure.
- (2) The intimate body parts are the—
 - (a) anus;
 - (b) breast (including the nipple and areola);
 - (c) buttock;
 - (d) natal cleft;
 - (e) penis (including the foreskin);
 - (f) perineum;
 - (g) pubic mound;
 - (h) scrotum;
 - (i) tongue;
 - (j) vulva.
- (3) In this section “body piercing” has the meaning given in section 94.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a medical procedure is a procedure carried out by a registered medical practitioner, registered nurse or registered midwife, for the purposes of, or in connection with—
 - (a) the diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease, ill-health, disability, or other physical or mental abnormality, or
 - (b) birth control.

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Commencement Information

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- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/949, art. 3 by [S.I. 2017/967 art. 2](#)