

*These notes refer to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 29 April 2015*

# **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (WALES) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 1 – The purpose of this Act***

4. The purpose of the Act is explained by this section, which is the improvement of:
  - arrangements for the prevention of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence;
  - arrangements for protection of victims of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence; and
  - the support for people affected by gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence.
5. The various functions of public bodies provided for in the Act are directed towards the achievement of this purpose. Any reference in the Act (and these notes) to the purpose of the Act is a reference to this purpose.