

# **SOCIAL CARE CHARGES (WALES) MEASURE 2010**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. These Explanatory Notes are for the Social Care Charges (Wales) Measure 2010 which was passed by the National Assembly for Wales on 19 January 2010 and approved by Her Majesty in Council on 17 March 2010. They have been prepared by the Directorate General for Health and Social Services of the Welsh Assembly Government to assist the reader of the Measure. The Explanatory Notes should be read in conjunction with the Measure but are not part of it.
2. The Measure makes provision about charging by local authorities for non-residential social care services. The Assembly's competence to legislate on this matter is found in matter 15.1 in Field 15 of Schedule 5 to the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c.32\)](#) ("GOWA 2006"). Matter 15.1 was inserted by the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2008 of 9 July 2008 and (as amended) permits the Assembly to make provision about:

*"Charges levied by local authorities for social care services provided or secured by them and payments in respect of individuals with needs relating to their well-being so that they, or any other person, may secure social care services to meet those needs.*