

These notes refer to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43) which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 –Standards

Chapter 6 – Social Services: Functions of National Assembly for Wales

Provision of social services

Section 94: Reviews and investigations

216. *Section 94* gives the Assembly similar functions of undertaking reviews and investigations of Welsh social services authorities to those is given to the CSCI in relation to English authorities under *sections 79* and *80*. However, the provisions are less prescriptive under *section 94* to take account of the fact that the Assembly is itself also a central governmental body and to provide it with the flexibility to decide how to discharge its function of undertaking reviews and investigations. For example: the Assembly does not have a duty to undertake annual reviews, it may (rather than must) award performance ratings to local authorities, and no provision is necessary to provide links between the Assembly and a central governmental body.