



# Domestic Abuse Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 17

### PART 2

#### THE DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMISSIONER

##### *Framework document*

#### **11 Framework document**

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue a document (a “framework document”) that deals with matters relating to the Commissioner.
- (2) The matters that may be dealt with by a framework document include (among other things)—
  - (a) matters relating to governance, funding and staffing;
  - (b) matters relating to the exercise of functions of the Commissioner;
  - (c) matters relating to scrutiny of the Commissioner’s activities by Parliament or by Senedd Cymru.
- (3) The Commissioner must have regard to the framework document when exercising any of the Commissioner’s functions.
- (4) The Secretary of State must have regard to the framework document when exercising any functions in relation to the Commissioner.
- (5) The Secretary of State—
  - (a) must keep the framework document under review, and
  - (b) may issue a revised framework document.
- (6) The Secretary of State—
  - (a) must consult the Commissioner in preparing or revising a framework document, and
  - (b) may not issue a framework document without the agreement of the Commissioner.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (7) The Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers before issuing—
  - (a) the first framework document under this section, or
  - (b) any other framework document which is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, significantly different from the framework document it replaces.
- (8) The Secretary of State must—
  - (a) arrange for any framework document issued under this section to be published in the manner which the Secretary of State considers appropriate,
  - (b) send a copy of the framework document to the Welsh Ministers, and
  - (c) lay a copy of the framework document before Parliament.
- (9) The Welsh Ministers must lay before Senedd Cymru a copy of any framework document sent to them under subsection (8)(b).