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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision in relation to the functions of the Commissioner for Older People in Wales (“the Commissioner”) established under the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 (“the Act”).

Part I of the Regulations contains interpretation provisions.

Part II concerns the role of the Commissioner in reviewing advocacy, complaints and whistle-blowing arrangements. It prescribes the kind of advice and support arrangements that the Commissioner may review as part of his or her power to review advocacy arrangements (regulation 3). It also confers power on the Commissioner to require information from prescribed persons for certain purposes (regulation 4).

Part III confers power on the Commissioner to provide financial and other assistance to older people in Wales, prescribes the proceedings and procedures in relation to which such assistance may be given (regulation 5) and provides for conditions which may be imposed in connection with the provision of assistance (regulation 6).

Part IV confers functions on the Commissioner concerning the examination of cases of particular persons who are or have been older people in Wales (regulation 7). It specifies the types of case which may be examined (regulation 8) and the circumstances in which an examination may be made (regulation 9). It also makes provision for the conduct of an examination (regulation 10), the provision of information to the Commissioner in connection with an examination (regulation 11), and the attendance of witnesses before the Commissioner (regulation 12).

Part V makes further provision for the arrangements relating to the Commissioner’s relationship with older people in Wales (regulation 13).

Part VI makes provision for specific reports and action to follow them up (regulations 14 and 15), as to reports to the Assembly (regulation 16) and as to publication of reports (regulation 17).

Part VII contains miscellaneous provisions as to the period of the initial and succeeding financial years (regulation 18), the way in which information is produced (regulation 19), and the payment of expenses and allowances in relation to the production of information (regulation 20).