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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 1 April 2024 as the day on which the revised Code of Practice on the Role of the Director of Social Services (Social Services Functions) comes into force.

The revised Code was issued by the Welsh Ministers under section 145(1) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act”) on 7 March 2024.

Section 145(3) of the 2014 Act requires local authorities, when exercising social services functions, to act in accordance with any relevant requirements contained in a code and to have regard to any relevant guidelines contained in it.

The revised Code replaces the Code of Practice on the Role of the Director of Social Services issued on 16 March 2016.

The revised Code can be accessed on the internet at [www.gov.wales](http://www.gov.wales) or a printed copy can be obtained from the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.