



# Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 7

### SAFEGUARDING

#### *Adults at risk*

#### **126 Adults at risk**

- (1) An “adult at risk”, for the purposes of this Part, is an adult who—
  - (a) is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect,
  - (b) has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs), and
  - (c) as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.
- (2) If a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a person within its area (whether or not ordinarily resident there) is an adult at risk, it must—
  - (a) make (or cause to be made) whatever enquiries it thinks necessary to enable it to decide whether any action should be taken (whether under this Act or otherwise) and, if so, what and by whom, and
  - (b) decide whether any such action should be taken.
- (3) Regulations made under section 54(5) (care and support plans) must include provision about recording in a care and support plan the conclusions of enquiries made under this section.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 126 in force at 6.4.2016 by [S.I. 2016/412](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Schs. 1, 2](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Section 126 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 162(4)(ga) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 163(4A) inserted by [2014 c. 23 s. 75\(10\)](#) (Effect inserting (4) not applied at s. 163 as it appears to relate to s. 194 in view of the title of the section as cited i.e. "ordinary residence". In s. 194 another (4), identically worded, is inserted on the same date by S.I. 2016/413, regs. 2(1), 316(a))