

*These notes refer to the Public Health (Wales) Act
2017 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 3 July 2017*

PUBLIC HEALTH (WALES) ACT 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6

Health Impact Assessments

Section 108 - Requirement to carry out health impact assessments

211. This section defines a health impact assessment (HIA) as an assessment of the likely effect, both in the short and long term, of a proposed action on the physical and mental health of all or some of the people of Wales. It requires the Welsh Ministers to make regulations about the carrying out of such assessments by public bodies. These regulations must specify the circumstances in which a HIA is to be carried out and how it is done.
212. This section also enables the regulations to require Public Health Wales NHS Trust who have expertise in this area to assist another public body in carrying out a HIA, with the potential for those regulations to specify how and when such assistance might be given.