

# Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019

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## **PROSPECTIVE**

### PART 1

# INTRODUCTION

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#### 1 Overview

- (1) This Part of the Act is an overview of the main provisions of the Act.
- (2) Part 2 provides for the continuation of the role of the Ombudsman.
- (3) Part 3 makes provision for—
  - (a) the Ombudsman to investigate listed authorities;
  - (b) who can make and refer complaints to the Ombudsman;
  - (c) the matters that may be investigated by the Ombudsman;
  - (d) the procedures that apply to the Ombudsman's investigations;
  - (e) the Ombudsman's powers to deal with obstruction and contempt;
  - (f) the Ombudsman to prepare reports of investigations;
  - (g) the Ombudsman to issue guidance to listed authorities about good administrative practice;
  - (h) listed authorities to compensate persons aggrieved.
- (4) Part 4 makes provision for—
  - (a) the Ombudsman to publish a statement of principles about the complaintshandling procedures of listed authorities, and the Assembly procedure that applies to the statement of principles;

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- (b) the Ombudsman to publish model complaints-handling procedures for listed authorities;
- (c) requiring a listed authority to comply with a model complaints-handling procedure that applies to the listed authority;
- (d) the Ombudsman to declare that the complaints-handling procedure of a listed authority does not comply with the model complaints-handling procedure;
- (e) the Ombudsman to promote best practice in relation to complaints-handling.

## (5) Part 5 makes provision for—

- (a) the Ombudsman to investigate social care providers and palliative care providers;
- (b) who can make and refer complaints to the Ombudsman about social care and palliative care;
- (c) the social care and palliative care matters that may be investigated by the Ombudsman;
- (d) the procedures that apply to the Ombudsman's investigations into social care and palliative care;
- (e) the Ombudsman to prepare reports of investigations into social care and palliative care.

# (6) Part 6 makes supplementary provision for—

- (a) the Ombudsman to work with other ombudsmen and commissioners etc. in relation to investigations;
- (b) the disclosure and protection of information and publications in relation to investigations.
- (7) Part 7 makes miscellaneous provision, including adding the Ombudsman to Schedule 6 to the Welsh Language Standards (No. 2) Regulations 2016 and a requirement for the review of the operation of this Act by the Assembly.

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