

*These notes refer to the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Act
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

4. The Act has 5 sections. It enables the Welsh Ministers to disapply provisions of the Procurement Act 2023, that would otherwise be relevant when procuring services provided as part of the health service in Wales, to the extent that alternative provision is made in that respect. The Act also enables Ministers to create a new alternative procurement regime for these services. It does not prescribe detail about the content of any new regime, which would be set out in the regulations made under the power the Act inserts into the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.
5. The Act only applies to the procurement of services provided as part of the health service, and goods or other services that are connected to those health services. Other forms of procurement carried out by the health sector will remain subject to the current Public Contract Regulations 2015 rules, until these are replaced by any future wider procurement reforms.