

*These notes refer to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004
(c.23) which received Royal Assent on 16 September 2004*

PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES) ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND DEVOLUTION

Part 3: Welsh Nhs Bodies

Section 62: Co-operation with Assembly, Audit Commission or CHAI

130. The section imposes a duty on the Auditor General to co-operate with the Assembly, the Audit Commission and with CHAI (established by the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003, where it seems appropriate for the efficient and effective discharge of his functions in relation to Welsh NHS bodies. In the case of CHAI, this is consistent with the Assembly's objective of ensuring effective cross-border co-operation in respect of economy, efficiency and effectiveness studies and other studies which are of common interest and benefit to England and Wales. The section also seeks to ensure that the day-to-day impact, on the Welsh NHS bodies, of the carrying out of studies and reviews is minimised through co-operation between the regulatory bodies.
131. Complementary duties are imposed on the Assembly, the Audit Commission and CHAI via amendments, in Schedule 2 of the Act, to the GOWA, the ACA and the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 respectively. See also the notes concerning section 64 below.