



# National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 42

### PART 2

#### HEALTH SERVICE BODIES

### CHAPTER 1

#### LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>12A Local Health Boards' duty to secure quality in health services**

- (1) Each Local Health Board must exercise its functions with a view to securing improvement in the quality of health services.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
  - “health services” means any services provided or secured in accordance with this Act;
  - “quality” includes, but is not limited to, quality in terms of—
    - (a) the effectiveness of health services,
    - (b) the safety of health services, and
    - (c) the experience of individuals to whom health services are provided.
- (3) Each Local Health Board must publish an annual report on the steps it has taken to comply with the duty in subsection (1).
- (4) The report must include an assessment of the extent of any improvement in outcomes achieved by virtue of those steps.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must issue guidance to Local Health Boards in relation to the requirements imposed by subsections (1) and (3).
- (6) The guidance must, in particular, include guidance about—
  - (a) the evidence to be used in support of an assessment required by this section,
  - and

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(b) the conduct of such an assessment.

(7) Each Local Health Board must have regard to guidance issued under subsection (5).]

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 12A inserted (1.4.2023) by [Health and Social Care \(Quality and Engagement\) \(Wales\) Act 2020](#) (asc 1), **ss. 2(3)**, 29(2); S.I. 2023/370, art. 3(1)(b)

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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. 201A-201C inserted by [2017 c. 23 s. 9](#)
- s. 201C(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 118\(2\)](#)
- s. 201C(4) inserted by [2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 118\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 1(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 21 s. 32\(3\)](#)