



# National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 42

### PART 1

#### PROMOTION AND PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICE IN WALES

##### [<sup>F1</sup>1A **Welsh Ministers' duty to secure quality in health services**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must exercise their functions in relation to the health service 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) The Welsh Ministers must publish an annual report on the steps they have 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 lay a copy of the report before the National Assembly for Wales.]

#### Textual Amendments

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

**Changes to legislation:**

National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, Section 1A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 06 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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\(3\)](#)