



# National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 42

### PART 2

#### HEALTH SERVICE BODIES

#### CHAPTER 4

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Nurse staffing levels*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>25B Duty to calculate and take steps to maintain nurse staffing levels**

- (1) Where a Local Health Board or NHS Trust in Wales provides nursing services in a situation to which this section applies, it must—
  - (a) designate a person or a description of person to calculate the number of nurses appropriate to provide care to patients that meets all reasonable requirements in that situation (the “nurse staffing level”),
  - (b) take all reasonable steps to maintain the nurse staffing level, and
  - (c) make arrangements for the purpose of informing patients of the nurse staffing level.
- (2) A person designated by virtue of subsection (1)(a) (“a designated person”) must calculate the nurse staffing level in accordance with section 25C.
- (3) This section applies to the following situations—
  - (a) adult acute medical inpatient wards,
  - (b) adult acute surgical inpatient wards, and
  - (c) such other situations as the Welsh Ministers may by regulations specify.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 25A-25E and cross-headings inserted (3.8.2016 for the insertion of s. 25D, 6.4.2017 for the insertion of s. 25A, 6.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Nurse Staffing Levels \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(anaw 5\)](#), **ss. 1(1), 2(1)**; S.I. 2016/829, art. 2(a)(b)(c)

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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\(3\)](#)