
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Care Council for Wales (Appointment, Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2001 to deal with changes brought into effect by the coming into force of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”).

Under the provisions of the 2012 Act, on 1 August 2012 the body previously known as the Health Professions Council (“HPC”) changed its name to the Health and Care Professions Council (“HCPC”). On the same day the functions of the General Social Care Council (“GSCC”) were transferred to it and on 1 October 2012 the GSCC was abolished.

Regulation 2 replaces references to the GSCC with references to the HCPC established by article 3 of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001. It omits references to the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (“CCETSW”) which has also been abolished. References to the lists held by the Secretary of State under provisions that have now been repealed (the lists established under the Protection of Children Act 1999 and the Protection of Vulnerable Adults list established under Part VII of the Care Standards Act 2000) are removed and replaced with references to the barred lists referred to in section 2 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. Regulation 2(3)(c)(ii) corrects a minor drafting error substituting (e) for (d).

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.