

Draft Regulations laid before Senedd Cymru under section 196(6)(a) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, for approval by resolution of Senedd Cymru.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 4), and they amend the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1989 (W. 299)) (“the principal Regulations”).

The amendments make changes to regulation 19 of the principal Regulations (establishment and maintenance of pooled funds) to enable partnership bodies to exercise greater flexibility in the way that they pool funds in the exercise of their functions in relation to care home accommodation for older people.

Partnership bodies will continue to be required to maintain and pool funds when exercising these functions, but will no longer be required to do so on a regional basis (under arrangements with all the other partnership bodies for the regional partnership board area).

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

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Made

Coming into force

31 March 2025

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 167(3)(a), (b) and (d), and 196(2)(a) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014(1), make the following Regulations.

A draft of these Regulations was laid before Senedd Cymru under section 196(6)(a) of that Act and has been approved by resolution of Senedd Cymru(2).

Title, coming into force and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 31 March 2025.

(3) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015(3).

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- (1) 2014 anaw 4 (“the Act”). *See* section 197(1) of the Act for the definition of “specified” and “regulations”.
- (2) References to the National Assembly for Wales in section 196(6)(a) of the Act now have effect as references to Senedd Cymru, by virtue of section 150A(2) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).
- (3) S.I. 2015/1989 (W. 299) (“the principal Regulations”).

Amendment to regulation 19 of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations (establishment and maintenance of pooled funds)(4) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)(a) omit “regional”.

(3) Omit paragraph (2).

Name

Minister for Children and Social Care under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date

(4) Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations was substituted by S.I. 2019/760 (W. 143); there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant. “Pooled funds” has the same meaning as in section 167(4) of the Act.