

## **THE CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000 (COMMENCEMENT NO.6) (WALES) ORDER 2001**

### **Regulatory Appraisal**

The Care Standards Act 2000 provided for the establishment of the Care Council for Wales, which will be an Assembly Sponsored Public Body, and will begin to exercise executive functions from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2001. The Council will have two key tasks:

- To set standards and to regulate the workforce;

**and**

- To make sure that staff get the training and qualifications they need for the jobs that they do

It will also take over a number of functions from the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (CCETSW) when it is abolished on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2001. Those functions include the regulation of basic and post qualifying social work training. The abolition of CCETSW is to be effected by an Order in Council of Her Majesty under Section 70(2) of the Care Standards Act 2000.

The primary legislation was subject to extensive consultation in Wales, through the White Paper "Building For The Future" and received widespread support.

The provisions commenced by this Order at Sections 63, 66, 71, 67 and 70(1) largely relate to functions currently performed by CCETSW regarding the regulation and support of basic and post qualifying training in Wales.

The provisions commenced on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2001 (Sections 63, 66 and 71 in so far as it applies to Sections 63 and 66 of the Act) will not themselves have an impact on persons involved in social work training. The rules that the Care Council for Wales may make under these provisions may do so but that body will be expected to consult interested persons before making the rules.

The provisions to be commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> October (Section 67 and 70(1)), other than providing that CCETSW shall cease to exercise its functions in Wales, only confer executive powers on the Assembly in relation to social work training. If an obligation to consult interested parties

arises before those may be exercised then that obligation will be discharged.

There are therefore no new costs imposed on the sector or on the Assembly as a result of the commencement order.

## **Financial Implications**

The financial implications of any work associated with complying with this Order will be accommodated within existing budgets.

Financial Planning Division have been consulted about this Regulatory Appraisal and have noted that there will be no additional financial implications for the Assembly.

## **Summary**

This Order will commence Sections 63, 66 and 71 (S.71 in so far as it applies to Sections 63 and 66 of the Act) of the Care Standards Act 2000 on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2001 and Sections 67 and 70 (1) of the Act.