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National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill

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National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill

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An Act of the National Assembly for Wales to make provision in relation to the financial duties of Local Health Boards.

Having been passed by the National Assembly for Wales and having received the assent of Her Majesty, it is enacted as follows:

Introduction

1 Overview

This Act amends the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c.42) so that a duty on each Local Health Board in Wales to secure that its expenditure does not exceed its funding applies over a period of three years beginning on the first day of each financial year instead of applying to each financial year.

Amendments to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

2 Financial duties of Local Health Boards

(1) Chapter 6 of Part 11 of National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) of section 175 (financial duties of Local Health Boards) substitute –

“(1) Each Local Health Board must, in respect of each three-year accounting period, perform its functions so as to secure that its expenditure which is attributable to the performance by it of its functions in that period (not including its general ophthalmic services expenditure) does not exceed the aggregate of –

(a) the amount allotted to it for each financial year in that period under section 174(1)(b),

(b) any sums received by it in each financial year in that period under any other provision of this Act, and

(c) any sums received by it in each financial year in that period otherwise than under this Act for the purpose of enabling it to defray any such expenditure.”

(3) At the end of section 175 insert a new subsection —

“(8) “Three-year accounting period” means a period of three years which begins with the first day of a financial year, so that the first begins with 1 April 2014 and ends with 31 March 2017 and the second begins with 1 April 2015 and ends with 31 March 2018 (and so on).”

(4) Section 176 (resource limits for Local Health Boards) is repealed.

(5) In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 (further provision about the expenditure of Local Health Boards) for “to 176” substitute “and 175”.

General

3 Short title and commencement

(1) The short title of this Act is the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Act 2013.

(2) This Act comes into force on 1 April 2014.