

**2016 No. (W. )**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Section 144A of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 was inserted by section 56 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 and requires local authorities in Wales to prepare and publish an annual report about the exercise of the authority's social services functions.

Section 144A(4) requires the annual report to be in such form as may be prescribed by regulations.

These Regulations prescribe the form of the annual report. The Regulations require the annual report to be in the form of the template which appears on the relevant page of the Welsh Government's website.

*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.*

*OR*

*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 been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Department of Health and Social Services, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.*

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*Made* \*\*\*

*Laid before the National Assembly for Wales* \*\*\*

*Coming into force* \*\*\*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 144A(4) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014<sup>(1)</sup>, make the following Regulations:

**Title, commencement and application**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Local Authority Social Services Annual Reports (Prescribed Form) (Wales) Regulations 2016.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1 April 2017 and apply in relation to Wales.

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014;

“annual report” (“*adroddiad blynyddol*”) means the report that a local authority is required to prepare and publish in accordance with section 144A of the Act.

**Form of annual report**

**3.** An annual report must be in the form of the template that appears on the relevant page of the

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(1) 2014 anaw 4.

Welsh Government's website established for the purpose of informing local authorities of the requirements for the preparation and publication of annual reports.

*Name*

Title of Minister, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date

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