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**2023 No. 259 (W. 36) (C. 13)**

**NATIONAL HEALTH  
SERVICE, WALES**

**SOCIAL CARE, WALES**

The Health and Social Care  
(Quality and Engagement) (Wales)  
Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3)  
Order 2023

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order made by the Welsh Minsters brings into force certain provisions of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 (“the Act”).

Article 2(1) of this Order brings the following provisions of the Act into force on 7 March 2023, to the extent necessary for the purpose of enabling regulations to be made under those provisions—

- (a) section 4 (duty of candour procedure); and
- (b) section 11 (interpretation of “health care” and other terms).

Article 2(2) brings into force section 25 (regulations) and section 28 (power to make transitional etc. provision) on 7 March 2023.

**NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT  
ORDERS**

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

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by a Commencement Order made before the date of this Order:

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
		<i>Commencement</i>	
Section 12	1 April 2022		2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)

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Section 19 (partially)	1 April 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Section 21	1 April 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Section 22	1 April 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Section 24	8 March 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Section 26	8 March 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Schedule 1 (partially)	1 April 2022	2022/208 (W. 66) (C. 9)
Paragraph 22 of Schedule 1	1 October 2022	2022/996 (W. 212)(1)

*See* also section 29(1) of the Act for the provisions that came into force on 1 June 2020 (the date of Royal Assent).

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(1) Instrument not allocated number in the Commencement Instruments series.

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*Made*

*6 March 2023*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 29(2) of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020(1), make the following Order:

**Title and interpretation**

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2023.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020.

**Provisions coming into force on 7 March 2023**

2.—(1) The following provisions of the Act come into force, to the extent necessary for the purpose of making regulations, on 7 March 2023—

- (a) section 4 (duty of candour procedure); and
- (b) section 11 (interpretation of “health care” and other terms).

(2) The following provisions of the Act come into force on 7 March 2023—

- (a) section 25 (regulations); and

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(1) 2020 asc 1.

(b) section 28 (power to make transitional etc. provision).

*Eluned Morgan*  
Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the  
Welsh Ministers  
6 March 2023