

SL(5)354 – The Local Health Boards (Area Change) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2019

Background and Purpose

This Order is made by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to sections 11, 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) of, and paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 to, the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

The main changes effected by the Order, which come into force on 1 April 2019, are as follows:

1. The principal local government area of Bridgend is transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board and forms part of the area of Cwm Taf University Local Health Board;
2. Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board is renamed Swansea Bay University Local Health Board; and
3. Cwm Taf University Local Health Board is renamed Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board.

The Order also makes associated changes to the area and names of the relevant Community Health Councils and Safeguarding Boards.

The Order amends a series of statutory instruments to give effect to, and in consequence of, the above changes.

Procedure

Negative.

Technical Scrutiny

One point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

- 1. Standing Order 21.2(vi) - that its drafting appears to be defective or it fails to fulfil statutory requirements;**

Article 7 of this Order amends Schedule 1 to the Community Health Councils (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2010 to reflect the new names of the relevant Community Health Councils from 1 April 2019. However, Schedule 2 to those Regulations contains provision specifying the current names of the Councils, and has not been amended by this Order.

Merits Scrutiny

One point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

- 2. Standing Order 21.3(ii) - that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Assembly**



The Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething AM, issued a written statement on 25 February 2019 confirming that this Order has been laid to give effect to the health board boundary and name changes, following the outcome of a consultation published on 14 June 2018. The consultation period ran from 13 December 2017 to 7 March 2018.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Government Response

We note and accept the reporting point. We will seek to make this consequential amendment in further amending regulations as soon as possible.

Legal Advisers

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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