

*These notes refer to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales)  
Act 2014 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2014*

# **SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL- BEING (WALES) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 45 – Power to meet support needs of a carer***

170. **Section 45** confers a power on local authorities to meet the support needs of a carer without necessarily having first completed a needs assessment or carrying out a financial assessment. This power is available, for example, where it is considered necessary to meet needs as a matter of urgency.
171. This power is also available in cases where an assessment has been carried out but the needs do not meet the eligibility criteria. In these circumstances, the local authority may nonetheless decide to meet the needs, even though they are not under a duty to do so.