

*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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 152 – Power of Welsh Ministers to intervene

402. **Section 152** provide the Welsh Ministers with a power to intervene in a local authority's exercise of its social services functions if a warning notice has been given and the authority has not taken the required action (subsection (2)).
403. Subsection (3) provides the Welsh Ministers with a power to intervene in the exercise of a local authority's social services functions without serving a warning notice in accordance with section 151 where the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that one or more of the grounds set out in section 150 exist and have reason to believe that there are health and safety grounds that require urgent intervention or that the local authority is unlikely to be able to comply or secure compliance with the warning notice.
404. Subsection (5) requires the Welsh Ministers to keep under review the circumstances which have given them the power to intervene.
405. Subsection (4) and (8) contain requirements for the Welsh Ministers to advise the National Assembly for Wales of the actions they have taken in relation to the exercise of their power under this section and to keep the Assembly apprised of those matters.