

# Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 8

## SOCIAL SERVICES FUNCTIONS

### Local authorities

### 144 Directors of social services

- (1) A local authority must appoint an officer, to be known as the director of social services, for the purposes of its social services functions.
- (2) A local authority may not appoint a person to be its director of social services unless it is satisfied that the person has demonstrated competencies specified by the Welsh Ministers.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must specify the competencies for the purpose of subsection (2) in a code issued under section 145 or in regulations.
- (4) Two or more local authorities may, if they consider that the same person can efficiently discharge, for both or all of them, the functions of a director of social services, appoint one person as director of social services for both or all of those authorities.
- (5) A local authority which has appointed, or jointly appointed, a person under this section must secure the provision of adequate staff for the purposes of its social services functions in order to assist the director.