



# Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

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*Guidance and directions in relation to the purpose of this Act*

## **18 Policy statements: requirements and ancillary powers**

- (1) A policy statement issued under section 17(2) must set out—
  - (a) how the relevant authority proposes that functions should be exercised differently from the course set out in the statutory guidance, and
  - (b) the authority's reasons for proposing that different course.
- (2) An authority that has issued a policy statement may—
  - (a) issue a revised policy statement;
  - (b) give notice revoking a policy statement.
- (3) A policy statement (or revised statement) must state—
  - (a) that it is issued under section 17(2), and
  - (b) the date on which it is to take effect.
- (4) The authority that issues a policy statement (or revised statement), or gives a notice under subsection (2)(b), must—
  - (a) arrange for a statement or notice to be published;
  - (b) send a copy of any statement or notice to the Welsh Ministers.