

# National Assembly for Wales

## Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

### **CLA647 - The National Training Framework on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence**

#### Background and Purpose

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This statutory guidance sets out a National Training Framework for those providing services to victims of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence. The guidance is issued under section 15 of the Violence against women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (“the 2015 Act”) and section 60 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

#### Procedure

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The procedure for issuing this guidance under section 16 of the 2015 Act is similar to the affirmative procedure used for statutory instruments. The Welsh Ministers must lay a draft before the National Assembly for Wales. In the absence, within a defined period of time, of a resolution of the National Assembly that it does not approve the draft, the Welsh Ministers must issue the guidance.

#### Scrutiny

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Section 15(4)(b) of the 2015 Act requires the Welsh Ministers to state the date on which the statutory guidance takes effect. No such date is provided in the draft. Officials of the Welsh Government have indicated that the date will be stated in the final version of the guidance issued in the event that a resolution is not made. This is not a defect but is drawn to the attention of the Committee for information in accordance with Standing Order 21.7(i).

#### Committee Consideration

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The Committee considered the statutory guidance at its meeting on 8 February 2016 and reports to the Assembly in line with the observations above.

