

**NURSE STAFFING LEVELS (WALES) BILL
STAGE 3 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS**

This table provides information about the amendments tabled in the name of Mark Drakeford AM on 11 January 2016.

No.	GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT	GWELLIANT Y LLYWODRAETH	PURPOSE AND EFFECT
35	<p>Section 1, page 1, after line 23, insert—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">‘() For the purposes of having regard to the importance of providing sufficient nurses to allow the nurses time to care for patients sensitively, a Local Health Board or NHS Trust in Wales must (among other things) undertake workforce planning (including planning the recruitment, retention, education and training of nurses).’.</p>	<p>Adran 1, tudalen 1, ar ôl llinell 23, mewnosoder—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">‘() For the purposes of having regard to the importance of providing sufficient nurses to allow the nurses time to care for patients sensitively, a Local Health Board or NHS Trust in Wales must (among other things) undertake workforce planning (including planning the recruitment, retention, education and training of nurses).’.</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to require Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts (where applicable) to undertake workforce planning (including planning the recruitment, retention, education and training of nurses) when, in accordance with section 25A, they “have regard to the importance of providing sufficient nurses to allow the nurses time to care for patients sensitively.”</p> <p>The effect of this amendment is that Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts (where applicable) must (among other things) undertake workforce planning when having regard to the importance of providing sufficient nurses to allow the nurses time to care for patients sensitively.</p>
36	<p>Section 1, page 3, line 27, leave out ‘report (whether or not as part of a wider report) to the Welsh Ministers which sets out, in respect of the period to which the report relates’ and insert—</p>	<p>Adran 1, tudalen 3, llinell 27, hepgorer ‘report (whether or not as part of a wider report) to the Welsh Ministers which sets out, in respect of the period to which the report relates’ a</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to remove (where indicated) the words “report (whether or not as part of a wider report) to the Welsh Ministers</p>

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	<p>'nurse staffing levels report (whether or not as part of a wider report) in accordance with this section.</p> <p>() A nurse staffing levels report must set out, in respect of the period to which the report relates (the "reporting period")'.</p>	<p>mewnosoder—</p> <p>'nurse staffing levels report (whether or not as part of a wider report) in accordance with this section.</p> <p>() A nurse staffing levels report must set out, in respect of the period to which the report relates (the "reporting period")'.</p>	<p>which sets out, in respect of the period to which the report relates"</p> <p>and insert</p> <p>"nurse staffing levels report (whether or not as part of a wider report) in accordance with this section.</p> <p>() A nurse staffing levels report must set out, in respect of the period to which the report relates (the "reporting period")'.</p> <p>The effect of this amendment is that it specifies that the report that health boards and NHS Trusts (where applicable) must submit to Welsh Ministers in accordance with section 25 E is described as a "nurse staffing levels report;" and that it must cover a reporting period. As was the case in the version of the Bill as amended at Stage 2, the report may be submitted as a standalone report or as part of a wider report.</p> <p>This amendment is part of the overall strengthening of the reporting requirements. It should be noted that the requirement (in the Bill as amended</p>

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			by these proposed Stage 3 amendments) is still for health boards and Trusts to submit nurse staffing level reports to Welsh Ministers.
37	Section 1, page 3, line 33, after ‘to’, insert—‘complaints about care provided to patients by nurses made in accordance with the Complaints Regulations or by reference to’.	Adran 1, tudalen 3, llinell 33, ar ôl ‘to’, mewnosoder— ‘complaints about care provided to patients by nurses made in accordance with the Complaints Regulations or by reference to’.	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to note “complaints about care provided to patients by nurses made in accordance with the Complaints Regulations” as an example of the information which could go into a nurse staffing levels report.</p> <p>The effect of this amendment is that LHBs and NHS trusts (where applicable) may include in nurse staffing levels reports information about complaints made under the “Complaints Regulations” relating to care provided to patients by nurses.</p> <p>This amendment needs to be read in conjunction with amendment 5 below which defines “Complaints Regulations”.</p>
38	Section 1, page 4, line 1, leave out - ‘report must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers— (a) within the period of three years beginning with the date on which this section comes into	Adran 1, tudalen 4, llinell 1, hepgorer – ‘report must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers— (a) within the period of three years beginning with the date on which this section comes into	<p>This purpose of this amendment is to prescribe the timeframe for submitting each nurse staffing levels report to Welsh Ministers.</p> <p>The effect is that the timeframe for submitting each nurse staffing levels</p>

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	<p>force, and (b) within each period of three years beginning with the date the previous report was submitted’</p> <p>And insert—</p> <p>‘nurse staffing levels report must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers no later than 30 days after the last day of the reporting period’.</p>	<p>force, and (b) within each period of three years beginning with the date the previous report was submitted’</p> <p>A mewnosoder—</p> <p>‘nurse staffing levels report must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers no later than 30 days after the last day of the reporting period’.</p>	<p>report is prescribed as being within 30 days of the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>This amendment needs to be read in conjunction with amendment 5 below which defines the “reporting period”.</p>
39	<p>Section 1, page 4, line 6, leave out ‘lay each report submitted to them before the National Assembly for Wales’ and insert—</p> <p>‘, after the expiry of each reporting period—</p> <p>(a) prepare and publish a document summarising the content of the nurse staffing levels reports submitted in respect of that reporting period, and</p> <p>(b) lay each report submitted to them in that period before the National Assembly for Wales.</p>	<p>Adran 1, tudalen 4, llinell 6, hepgorer ‘lay each report submitted to them before the National Assembly for Wales’ a mewnosoder—</p> <p>‘, after the expiry of each reporting period—</p> <p>(a) prepare and publish a document summarising the content of the nurse staffing levels reports submitted in respect of that reporting period, and</p> <p>(b) lay each report submitted to them in that period before the National Assembly for Wales.</p>	<p>This purpose of this amendment is to require Welsh Ministers, at the expiry of each reporting period, to prepare and publish a document which summarises all the nurse staffing levels reports submitted for that reporting period; to define the reporting period, and to define the meaning of “Complaints Regulations.”</p> <p>The effect of this amendment is that, at the expiry of each reporting period, Welsh Ministers are required to prepare and publish a document which summarises all the nurse staffing levels reports submitted for that reporting period. As in the version of the Bill passed at Stage 2, Welsh Ministers</p>

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	<p>() For the purposes of this section the reporting period is—</p> <p>(a) in the case of the initial reporting period, the period of three years beginning with the commencement of this section, and</p> <p>(b) in the case of all subsequent reporting periods, the period of three years beginning with the day after the last day of the preceding reporting period.</p> <p>() In subsection (<i>subsection to be inserted by amendment 36</i>)(b) “Complaints Regulations” means regulations made under—</p> <p>(a) section 113 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43);</p> <p>(b) the NHS Redress (Wales) Measure 2008 (2008 nawm.1)’.</p>	<p>() For the purposes of this section the reporting period is—</p> <p>(a) in the case of the initial reporting period, the period of three years beginning with the commencement of this section, and</p> <p>(b) in the case of all subsequent reporting periods, the period of three years beginning with the day after the last day of the preceding reporting period.</p> <p>() In subsection (<i>[yr is-adran sy’n cael ei mewnosod gan welliant 36]</i>)(b) “Complaints Regulations” means regulations made under—</p> <p>(a) section 113 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43);</p> <p>(b) the NHS Redress (Wales) Measure 2008 (2008 nawm.1)’.</p>	<p>remain under a duty to lay all of the nurse staffing levels reports that are submitted to them before the National Assembly for Wales.</p> <p>Each reporting period is three years. The first three-year period will begin on the commencement of Section 25E, and each subsequent three-year reporting period commences the day after the end of the previous reporting period.</p> <p>“Complaints Regulations” is defined as regulations made under section 113 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43), and regulations under the NHS Redress (Wales) Measure 2008. The effect is that information about complaints made about care provided to patients by nurses that are made under the NHS complaints procedures may be included in the nurse staffing levels reports that local health boards and NHS Trusts are required to submit to the Welsh Ministers.</p>