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Health impact assessment regulations

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Dear Russell George MS

I am writing to you as Chair of the Health and Social Care committee to inform you that a consultation on the proposed Health Impact Assessment (HIA) regulations was published on 29 December 2023. After being delayed by Brexit and the Covid-19 response, officials have been working at pace to develop a set of draft regulations under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 which will require specified public bodies to carry out HIAs in certain circumstances.

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As you will be aware, a HIA is a tool to help people assess the potential health effects of a policy, programme or project on a population, particularly on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. I have been strongly committed to consulting on these draft regulations at the earliest possible chance, and I look forward to gaining valuable feedback from key stakeholders and the public as we utilise this opportunity to empower us all, as public bodies, to consider the impacts of our actions on the current and future populations of Wales.

The consultation will run until 29 March 2024 and responses will enable us to ensure this valuable tool can support and shape us into the healthier, happier, and fairer Wales which we all strive to achieve. Wales will become one of the first countries in the world to place HIAs on a statutory footing and I would welcome the support of the committee in ensuring we make the most of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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