

Dai Lloyd AM,
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
National Assembly for Wales

13 May 2019

Dear Dai,

**The National Health Service (Welsh Language in Primary Care Services)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee intends to scrutinise the Regulations relating to the Welsh language standards for primary health care providers including general practitioners, dentists, pharmacists and opticians which were laid on 9 May 2019 and are due to come into force on 30 May 2019.

Unfortunately, we have very little time in which to do this. By setting the date for the Regulations to come into force on 30 May, which includes a Bank Holiday, Privilege Day and Recess period, the Welsh Government has allowed us only 10 working days to consult our stakeholders, discuss this issue and report on it to the Assembly. I have written to the Minister for Health and Social Services to express my frustration with the situation.

With apologies for the short deadline, please can you bring the Regulations to the attention of your Members and let me know if there are any issues which your Committee or stakeholders feel should be addressed in our report?. Would you be able to respond by 17 May 2019?

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Y Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu

National Assembly for Wales
Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

I am grateful to you for your input, it is important that we hear the views of your stakeholders on this issue to gain a full assessment of the impact of this legislation.

Yours sincerely,



Bethan Sayed

Chair of the Committee

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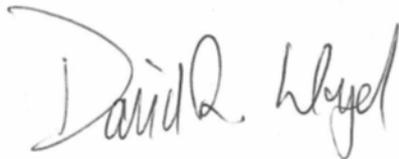
Dear Bethan

The National Health Service (Welsh Language in Primary Care Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019

Thank you for your letter of 13 May 2019 regarding the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee's intention to scrutinise the Regulations relating to the Welsh language standards for primary health care providers.

Unfortunately, due to existing work programme commitments, there is no time available for the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to consider these Regulations in the immediate future. However, I have circulated your letter, the Regulations and Explanatory Memorandum to Committee Members and suggested they contact you directly if they have any concerns.

Kind regards



Dr Dai Lloyd AM
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

