



Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1075
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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

9 December 2020

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 November regarding petition P-05-1075.

Through the national rules, we are trying to balance the importance of sport and exercise to people's mental and physical wellbeing with the need to keep people safe and protect the NHS.

The current regulations for indoor sport and exercise reflect the Welsh Government's approach to limit the opportunities for people to come into close contact with large groups to reduce the rate of transmission.

Anyone can play sport or exercise in a group of up to 30 people outdoors or 15 people indoors, if this is part of an organised activity managed for example by a gym, a leisure centre or a sports club. Coaches and match officials would generally be regarded as participants so the limit of 30 or 15 should include them. However, anybody who is there to organise or support the activity, if they are working or providing a voluntary service, can also attend and do not need to be considered within the limit of 30 or 15. Children aged under 11 are also excluded from the maximum number in the gathering.

Simultaneous gatherings of groups and individuals are also allowed, both indoors and outdoors, where there is sufficient space to do so safely and independently.

Organisers and those responsible for the premises have a duty to take all reasonable measures to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, including ensuring the space allows for social distancing.

There is no limit on the number of children under the age of 18 who can participate in or facilitate an organised sport activity for the development or well-being of children. The activity must be arranged and supervised by a responsible body such as a sports club, a public body, a charity or a gym or leisure centre. The number of children aged under 18 who

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can legally participate is constrained only by the boundaries of the setting and the need for sufficient adults to be present to supervise.

We are fully aware of the challenges the sector faces, and in what has been a challenging year for sport we are working with governing bodies to assess what additional support may be required. Earlier in 2020 we announced a £14m Sport and Leisure Recovery Fund to help the sector deal with the pandemic, helping to prepare for a safe and responsible return

As ever, we continue to fully recognise the enormous efforts and sacrifices the Welsh public and businesses have made to keep Wales safe and to save lives. We have continued to take on board feedback from the public, and this is one of the reasons we decided not to include further restrictions on the sports and leisure sector when additional measures come into force on 4 December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Elis-Thomas'.

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