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Dear Helen,

In a Written Statement to Members of the Senedd on 16 March, I confirmed that I was launching a consultation on the draft Welsh Language Standards (No. 8) Regulations. I noted in the Statement that I was aware that all stakeholders were under considerable strain and facing a period of uncertainty due to the current Coronavirus situation, and that the closing of the consultation would be reviewed.

In light of the continuing Covid-19 situation, I have decided to extend the consultation process. It will now close on 2 October 2020 instead of 15 June. All bodies have endured considerable disruption to their working practices over the last couple of months therefore it would only be fair to extend the consultation to allow all stakeholders plenty of time to consider these draft Regulations. Some of the Healthcare Regulators who would be subject to the Regulations have had the additional pressure of having to urgently register more practitioners than usual during the Covid-19 response and have had to prepare guidance for their practitioners. I also asked these bodies to submit information to allow us to prepare a Regulatory Impact Assessment to accompany the Regulations when they are laid before the Senedd. I believe therefore that it is only right to ensure that they are allowed enough time to consider the Regulations and collect robust information.

I will proceed to inform the bodies subject to the Regulations about this change and will update the website. I will be keeping this date under review and will update you if the situation calls for a further change.

Yours sincerely,

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