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| Welsh Government               | <a href="#">Eliminating preventable healthcare associated infections (HCAIs): A Framework of Actions for healthcare organisations in Wales</a> | <p>This consultation seeks your views on the Framework of Actions that has been developed with Public Health Wales, Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts.</p> <p>The Minister announced that the NHS should adopt an explicit policy of zero tolerance for preventable HCAIs. The Framework sets out what healthcare organisations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the NHS</li> <li>• independent contractors</li> <li>• voluntary bodies and</li> <li>• others who work in healthcare settings</li> </ul> <p>It aims to ensure that healthcare organisations have sustainable infection prevention and control arrangements and antimicrobial stewardship in place for 2011-12 and beyond. This will support the change in culture necessary to eliminate preventable HCAIs.</p> | 08/09/2011 | 06/10/2011            |
| Welsh Affairs Select Committee | <a href="#">Representation of Consumer Interests in Wales</a>  | <p>The Welsh Affairs Committee will hold a short inquiry into the future representation of consumer interests in Wales. Through the Public Bodies Bill, which is currently before Parliament, the Government proposes to make provision to change the relevant consumer and competition bodies in the UK. Currently Consumer Focus Wales (part of Consumer Focus) is the statutory consumer advocacy body which operates across the whole of Wales to represent consumers in public and private sectors. Consumer Focus Wales has a range of statutory powers and functions with specific responsibility to represent consumers in the gas, electricity and postal sectors.</p>  | 06/09/2011 | 27/09/2011            |
| Welsh Government               | <a href="#">Proposed Amendments to the Commons (Severance of Rights) (Wales) Order 2007/583</a>  | <p>The Commons (Severance of Rights)(Wales) Order 2007/583 allows leasing of rights of common for a maximum of three years. This was intended as a temporary measure, to be reviewed in due course. The consultation asks whether the Order should now be amended, and proposes various options.</p> <p>Land owners, commoners and other interested parties are asked to give their views on the options for amendment.</p> <p>The information you send to us will be published in a summary of responses to this consultation. Normally the names and addresses (or part of them) of their authors are published along with the response. If you do not wish to be identified as the author of your response, please state this clearly when you write or e-mail.</p>                                   | 05/09/2011 | 25/11/2011            |

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| <b>Welsh Government</b>              | <a href="#">Proposed policy changes to higher education funding and financial support for part-time study in 2012/13</a> | <p>This stakeholder consultation seeks views on the proposed policy changes to higher education funding and financial support for part-time study in 2012/13. Amendments will be made to existing student support legislation to be contained in the forthcoming Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>Any comments which stakeholders might have on the proposals should be sent to the Welsh Government by 3 October 2011. Comments can be made in writing on the response sheet that accompanies this letter and should be e-mailed to the address: <a href="mailto:hepolicy@wales.gsi.gov.uk">hepolicy@wales.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>  | 05/09/2011 | 03/10/2011 |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety Executive</b> | <a href="#">Proposals on Revised Control of Asbestos Regulations</a>   | <p>This consultation sets out HSE's proposals to introduce revised Control of Asbestos Regulations to implement the changes required to comply with the European Commission's reasoned opinion on the UK Government's transposition of Directive 83/477/EEC as amended by 2003/18/EC on the protection of workers from the risks of exposure to asbestos at work. The reasoned opinion confirms the European Commission's view that the UK has not fully implemented Article 3(3) of the Directive which provides for the exemption of some types of lower risk work with asbestos from three requirements of the Directive: notification of work; medical examinations; and record keeping.</p> <p>The required changes mean in future fewer types of lower risk work will be exempt from the three requirements. Views are sought on: the proposals; the guidance to be produced to explain how the changes will work in practice; and the impact on business.</p> | 05/09/2011 | 04/11/2011 |
| <b>UK Cabinet Office</b>             | <a href="#">Big Lottery Fund - Consultation on proposed policy directions</a>  | <p>The Government wishes to consult on proposed policy directions for the Big Lottery Fund.</p> <p>Welcoming the consultation, The Minister for the Cabinet Office, Francis Maude said: "The voluntary, community and social enterprise sector is at the heart of this Government's mission to build a Big Society. The Big Society is about helping people to come together to improve their own lives. It's about putting more power in people's hands, opening up public services and encouraging social action.</p>  | 22/08/2011 | 18/11/2011 |
| <b>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</b>      | <a href="#">Modernising Customs and Excise Law</a>   | <p>Proposals for updating the provisions of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (CEMA) and other customs and excise legislation with a view to simplifying the legislation, closing the tax gap, removing burdens on business and strengthening the UK's borders.</p>   | 15/08/2011 | 07/11/2011 |

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| HM Revenue & Customs | <a href="#">VAT: consultation on the next steps for moving VAT online</a> | This consultation covers changes to the operation of VAT to move further transactions online, and the assistance into digital that will support those moves. HMRC proposes that from 1 April 2012, for VAT registered businesses with a turnover below £100,000, it will be compulsory to file VAT returns online and make electronic payment of any VAT due. In support of the digital by default agenda, online will also become the default channel for all businesses for VAT registration, deregistration and changes to registered details but these will not be mandated at this stage. Assistance into digital for those who need it is an integral part of the Government's digital agenda. This consultation therefore seeks views on where digital assistance may be required, and what forms that assistance should take. | 08/08/2011 | 31/10/2011 |
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| Welsh Affairs Select Committee | <a href="#">Inquiry into Services for Veterans</a>  | <p>There are nearly a quarter of a million armed forces veterans in Wales. These men and women who have served their country with distinction, sometimes in the gravest of danger, deserve the best help that can be provided when they leave the military and return to civilian life.</p> <p>The Committee has decided to undertake an inquiry into the Support for Armed Forces Veterans in Wales. The inquiry will examine cross-border co-ordination as it affects veterans and the level of co-ordination between the Ministry of Defence, the Wales Office and the Welsh Government.</p>  | 20/07/2011 | 12/09/2011 |
| Welsh Government               | <a href="#">The Audit and Assessment Reports (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2011</a>             | <p>The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires the Auditor General for Wales to issue audit and assessment reports each year on the compliance by local authorities, National Park authorities and fire and rescue authorities (Welsh improvement authorities) with the improvement obligations contained in the Measure.</p> <p>The 2009 Measure requires the Auditor General for Wales to send his reports by 30 November each financial year to the Welsh improvement authorities and the Welsh Ministers. The 2009 Measure also provides Welsh Ministers with the power to specify a different date by which the Auditor General for Wales should send his reports.</p> | 01/08/2011 | 12/09/2011 |
| Welsh Government               | <a href="#">Consultation on introducing electronic reporting for pig movements in Wales</a> | The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on replacing the current paper method of recording and reporting pig movements in Wales with an electronic system.   | 15/08/2011 | 12/09/2011 |

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| <b>Ministry of Justice</b>              | <a href="#">How should the UK approach the EU proposal to create a European Asset Preservation Order?</a> | The European Commission has published a proposed Regulation creating a European Account Preservation Order (EAPO) to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters. The proposal will provide an alternative to existing domestic freezing orders in cross-border cases. This consultation paper seeks views on the proposal including whether it is in the UK's national interests to be a party to this Regulation, i.e. whether the UK should opt in to the proposal or not and/or be party to the forthcoming negotiations.  | 03/08/2011 | 14/09/2011 |
| <b>The Arts Council of Wales</b>        | <a href="#">Welsh Language Scheme</a>   | We, the Arts Council of Wales, adhere to the principle that, in the conduct of public business in Wales, we will treat Welsh and English on a basis of equality.<br><br>We recognise the importance of providing a fully bilingual service to artists and the public and that we should be seen as being in the vanguard of public policy in Wales. In addition to its public service, the Council recognises the importance of bringing about ambitious and creative developments which will foster a framework in the Arts for the use and growth of the Welsh language. Furthermore, we wish to be judged on the quality of our service and the delivery of effective outcomes which the people of Wales can look upon as their own and with pride. |            | 15/09/2011 |
| <b>Department for Work and Pensions</b> | <a href="#">Work Capability Assessment - Year 2 call for evidence</a>                                     | As part of his second independent review of the Work Capability Assessment Professor Harrington has launched a call for evidence. He is particularly interested in views and evidence about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the implementation of his Year 1 recommendations and the impact they are having</li> <li>• what, if any, further work is required in future reviews, and</li> <li>• the face-to-face assessment.</li> </ul>  | 14/07/2011 | 16/09/2011 |
| <b>HM Revenue and Customs</b>           | <a href="#">Establishing the future relationship between the tax agent community and HMRC</a>             | HMRC is consulting on proposals and options for implementing a strategy for engaging with tax agents. HMRC welcomes views from all tax agents, their representative bodies, those from the voluntary sector and individuals who provide support and advice on complying with tax obligations - as well as individuals or businesses who use the services of a tax agent.   | 31/05/2011 | 16/09/2011 |

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| <p>Care Council for Wales</p>   | <p><a href="#">Have your say on new plans for continuing education and training of qualified social workers</a></p> | <p>Professional, competent, confident and safe social workers are essential to providing excellent, front-line social services in Wales.</p> <p>That is a key message in the Welsh Government's policy document, 'Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action' (February 2011) - and that is why the Care Council for Wales is setting out ambitious proposals for the continuing education and learning of qualified social workers, linked to an exciting new career pathway. This is known as the Continuing Professional Education and Learning framework, or CPEL.</p> <p>The ideas in the CPEL framework have already been discussed with many individuals and groups, including social workers, employers and service users and carers, and there is widespread support for change. We are consulting with a wider range of stakeholders, like yourself, to hear your views about these proposals. Your valuable input will help us move towards an effective framework that meets the needs of social workers and the people they serve.</p> | <p>22/06/2011</p> | <p>16/09/2011</p> |
| <p>National Assembly for Wales - Finance Committee</p>                  | <p><a href="#">Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2012-13</a></p>  | <p>The <a href="#">Finance Committee</a> is calling for information to help the committees of the National Assembly for Wales scrutinise the Welsh Government's 2012-13 draft budget proposals. We want you to let us know what your expectations of the 2012-13 budget are, and whether you have particular concerns about funding allocations in particular areas.</p> <p>We do not know what the Welsh Government's 2012-13 draft budget proposals will look like yet, as it won't be published until 4 October this year. However, we do know it will take place in a time of particular financial pressure for the public sector in Wales, and we have indicative figures provided in the current Welsh Government's recent supplementary budget.</p> <p>This consultation is being undertaken to inform both the Finance Committee and the other Assembly committees. If the information you provide is specific to a particular area, we will pass that information on to the appropriate committee(s) to use in scrutinising individual Ministers.</p>         | <p>29/07/2011</p> | <p>16/09/2011</p> |
| <p>National Assembly for Wales - Health &amp; Social Care Committee</p> | <p><a href="#">Inquiry into Stroke Risk Reduction</a></p>   | <p>The terms of reference for the inquiry are:<br/>To examine the current provision of stroke risk reduction services and the effectiveness of Welsh Government policies in addressing any weaknesses in these services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinising the implementation of the Welsh Government's Stroke Risk Reduction Action Plan, including the extent to which action to raise public awareness of the risk factors for stroke has succeeded;</li> <li>• Identifying those areas where there are particular problems in the implementation and delivery of stroke risk reduction actions;</li> <li>• Considering the evidence for an a trial fibrillation screening</li> </ul>  | <p>01/08/2011</p> | <p>16/09/2011</p> |

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| <b>Department for business skills and innovation</b> | <a href="#">Higher Education - Consultation on potential early repayment mechanisms for student loans</a> | <p>We seek your input on the following three questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Should BIS introduce a more progressive mechanism for early repayment of student loans?</li> <li>2. If BIS should introduce a more progressive mechanism, which model best delivers BIS' stated aims of ensuring the progressiveness and sustainability of the student finance system?</li> <li>3. How would a more progressive early repayment mechanism affect you or your organisation's perception of and relationship with the student finance system?</li> </ol>  | 28/06/2011 | 20/09/2011 |
| <b>Welsh Government</b>                              | <a href="#">Amendments to the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 (WASK)</a>       | <p>This consultation seeks views on a proposal to change the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 (WASK).</p> <p>As legislation on welfare at slaughter is a devolved matter any changes would apply in Wales only.</p>   | 08/08/2011 | 20/09/2011 |
| <b>BBC Trust</b>                                     | <a href="#">BBC Five Live Olympics Extra - draft service licence</a>                                      | <p>The BBC Trust's responsibility is to get the best out of the BBC for licence fee payers. We are responsible for governing the BBC's services and other activities. This includes scrutinising proposals from the BBC Executive to change or launch BBC services.</p> <p>In July 2011 the BBC Trust approved plans by the BBC to launch temporary services and offers to provide full coverage of the London Olympics in 2012, including an extension of the hours of BBC Three. The Trust decided that the plans do not represent a significant change to the UK Public Services and so do not call for a Public Value Test ("PVT"). We have published an explanation of our decision.</p> | 15/08/2011 | 21/09/2011 |

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| <p><b>National Assembly for Wales - Environment &amp; Sustainability Committee</b></p> | <p><a href="#">Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales</a></p>                                | <p>The National Assembly for Wales' Environment and Sustainability Committee is undertaking an inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales. The terms of reference for the review are as follows:</p> <p>The Committee will consider how the current devolution arrangements for energy policy and planning affect the delivery of the Welsh Government's desired future 'energy mix' in Wales, as set out in <a href="#">A Low Carbon Revolution - Energy Policy Statement</a> and the <a href="#">UK Renewable Energy Roadmap</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the implications for Wales if responsibility for consenting major onshore and offshore energy infrastructure projects remains a matter that is reserved by the UK Government?</li> <li>• How does this affect achievement of the Welsh Government's aspirations for various forms of renewable and low carbon energy as set out in the Energy Policy Statement?</li> <li>• How does this affect delivery of the Welsh Government's target for a 3 per cent reduction in Green House Gas emissions per annum from 2011?</li> <li>• What will be the impact if consenting decisions on major infrastructure projects and associated development are not all taken in accordance with Welsh planning policy?</li> <li>• Alongside these questions, the Committee will also consider the two petitions about Welsh Government planning guidance as it relates to onshore wind energy and the impact on local communities and infrastructure.</li> </ul> | <p>02/08/2011</p> | <p>23/09/2011</p> |
| <p><b>National Assembly for Wales - Health &amp; Social Care Committee</b></p>         | <p><a href="#">Inquiry into the contribution of community pharmacy to health services in Wales</a></p> | <p>The terms of reference for the inquiry are:<br/>To examine the effectiveness of the Community Pharmacy contract in enhancing the contribution of community pharmacy to health and wellbeing services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extent to which Local Health Boards have taken up the opportunities presented by the contract to extend pharmacy services through the provision of 'enhanced' services, and examples of successful schemes;</li> <li>• The scale and adequacy of 'advanced' services provided by community pharmacies</li> <li>• The scope for further provision of services by community pharmacies in addition to the dispensing of NHS medicines and appliances, including the potential for minor ailments schemes;</li> <li>• The current and potential impact on demand for NHS services in primary and secondary care of an expansion of community pharmacy services, and any cost savings they may offer;</li> <li>• Progress on work currently underway to develop community pharmacy services</li> </ul>   | <p>01/08/2011</p> | <p>23/09/2011</p> |

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| <p>Welsh Government</p>                              | <p><a href="#">Communities First - The Future</a></p> <p>WCVA will be submitting a response to this consultation. If you have any comments that you would like us to include in our response please email them to <a href="mailto:hwilkinson@wcva.org.uk">hwilkinson@wcva.org.uk</a> with 'Communities First consultation' in the Subject line.</p> | <p>From April 2012, the Welsh Government's Communities First programme will be a Community Focussed Programme that will support the Welsh Government's Anti-Poverty agenda. In this document, we are proposing new structures for delivering the Communities First programme with a greater focus on evidencing the impact that locally funded activities have toward three strategic outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prosperous communities</li> <li>2. Learning communities</li> <li>3. Healthier communities.</li> </ol> <p>The changes proposed strike a balance between delivering the priorities of local communities and those at the regional and national level within the strategic outcomes outlined above.</p>                                     | <p>05/07/2011</p> | <p>26/09/2011</p> |
| <p>Department for Business skills and innovation</p> | <p><a href="#">Empowering and protecting consumers</a></p>  | <p>The Government is proposing a number of reforms to the current institutional arrangements to ensure that the provision of consumer information, advice, education, representation and enforcement is delivered effectively and efficiently. This consultation seeks views on these reforms which are aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing the complexity of the consumer landscape</li> <li>• Strengthening the effectiveness of consumer enforcement</li> <li>• More cost-efficient delivery, closer to the consumer front line</li> </ul>  | <p>21/06/2011</p> | <p>27/09/2011</p> |
| <p>Welsh Government</p>                              | <p><a href="#">Realising the potential of pre-application discussions</a></p>   | <p>Discussions before planning applications can improve applications and help to deliver higher quality developments. We have produced draft practice guidance to help realise those benefits.</p> <p>The guidance aims to help local planning authorities provide advice before planning applications. But it may interest developers, consultees and other stakeholders.</p>   | <p>29/06/2011</p> | <p>28/09/2011</p> |
| <p>Welsh Government</p>                              | <p><a href="#">Proposals to revise the School Teacher Appraisal (Wales) Regulations 2002 (as amended)</a></p>   | <p>This consultation is seeking your views on proposals to revise the School Teacher Appraisal (Wales) Regulations 2002 (as amended).</p> <p>The current School Teacher Appraisal (Wales) Regulations 2002 (as amended) provide for the appraisal of the performance of school teachers and head teachers, by way of an annual review about aims and achievements.</p> <p>Performance Management for people working in schools should help schools to improve educational standards by setting a framework for the workforce to agree and review priorities and objectives in the context of the school's improvement plan and appropriate professional standards. It should focus attention on more effective teaching and learning to benefit pupils, the workforce and schools.</p> | <p>27/06/2011</p> | <p>30/09/2011</p> |

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| <b>National Assembly for Wales - Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee</b> | <a href="#">Inquiry into the Granting of Powers to Welsh Ministers in UK Laws</a>                | <p>The terms of reference for the inquiry are to examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extent of the current National Assembly scrutiny of delegated powers given to Welsh Ministers through provisions in UK Acts and through other statutory mechanisms;</li> <li>• The extent to which the National Assembly is able to exercise robust scrutiny of such processes through its Standing Orders;</li> <li>• The relevance of the UK Government's Devolution Guidance Notes in the light of recent Welsh constitutional developments;</li> <li>• The procedures for Legislative Consent Motions compared to the position in the other devolved legislatures;</li> <li>• Any other matter relevant to the inquiry.</li> </ul>   | 02/08/2011 | 30/09/2011 |
| <b>Welsh Government</b>   | <a href="#">Responsible body draft guidance for the NHS in Wales 2011</a>                        | <p>Guidance on establishing responsibility for securing secondary and tertiary health care for an individual within the NHS in Wales.</p> <p>Please review the draft and reply with any comments you may have regarding the guidance.</p>   | 08/08/2011 | 30/09/2011 |
| <b>General Pharmaceutical Council</b>   | <a href="#">Consultation on the Draft Equality Scheme</a>  | <p>An interim equality scheme was agreed by the GPhC council in September 2010, and the time has now come to update, flesh out and consult on this. As a new organisation our approach to equality and diversity will involve three stages - implementing, embedding and promoting - to ensure that equality diversity and inclusion is entrenched and sustained in all that we do. An action plan reflecting this approach has been developed to show how we plan to implement the scheme. As part of the preparation for our scheme we obtained advice from the Barking and Dagenham Disability Equality Forum (DEF) on disability equality and engaged with staff across our directorates to identify key areas that require attention.</p>  | 30/06/2011 | 30/09/2011 |
| <b>Food Standards Agency</b>  | <a href="#">Revocation of the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1987 (Wales)</a> | <p>The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1987 were introduced to specify the qualification requirements of those persons being authorised by a council to undertake the examination and seizure of fresh meat under the Food Act 1984. For those local authorities involved in the examination and seizure of fresh meat it provides an exhaustive list of qualifications, of which an officer must hold at least one to be appropriately authorised. Details of the qualifications listed in the Regulations can be found via the link below.</p> <p>The majority of activities relating to the examination and seizure of raw meat were transferred to the then Meat Hygiene Service (now within the Food Standards Agency) in April 1995. However, local authorities retain responsibility for the examination and seizure of fresh meat at point of retail.</p> | 22/08/2011 | 30/09/2011 |

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| Welsh Government    | <a href="#">Reasonable adjustments of general qualifications</a> | <p>This consultation is seeking your views on proposals to clarify the use of reasonable adjustments in general qualifications such as GCSEs and A levels.</p> <p>Disabled candidates can apply for reasonable adjustments when taking qualifications. However, as they are designed to assess what a candidate knows, understands and can do, qualifications may only be adjusted up to a certain point before their value is undermined. As the qualifications regulator in Wales, the Equality Act 2010 has given us a new power. This allows us to specify limitations on the use of reasonable adjustments in general qualifications.</p>   | 11/07/2011 | 03/10/2011 |
| Ministry of Justice | <a href="#">Options for dealing with squatters</a>               | <p>This consultation is aimed at anyone affected by squatters or has experience of using the current law or procedures to get them evicted. Squatting usually involves the deliberate entry and occupation of a building without the consent of the property owner.</p> <p>The purpose of this consultation is to gather more information about the extent of problems caused by squatters, and to invite views on whether, and how, existing criminal and civil mechanisms should be strengthened to deal with them.</p>  | 13/07/2011 | 05/10/2011 |
| Welsh Government    | <a href="#">The Future Shape of Higher Education in Wales</a>    | <p>In March 2011, the Minister for Education and Skills asked the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) to provide him with advice on the structure of the higher education sector in Wales. In June, the Council submitted its report, which sets out very clear recommendations for the future of the sector.</p>   | 13/07/2011 | 05/10/2011 |
| UK Borders Agency   | <a href="#">Family migration</a>                                 | <p>This consultation sets out the government's proposals to reform the family route. It focuses on preventing and tackling abuse, promoting integration and reducing burdens on the taxpayer. It seeks to deliver better migration, which is fair to applicants, local communities and the taxpayer.</p> <p>Family migration still accounted for approximately 17 per cent of all non-European immigration in the year to September 2010. The consultation paper concentrates on the family route: non-European nationals entering, remaining in or settling in the UK on the basis of a relationship with a British citizen or a person settled here. This includes fiance(e)s, proposed civil partners, spouses, civil partners, or unmarried or same-sex partners, dependent children and adult and elderly dependent relatives.</p> <p>But the paper also looks more widely at all forms of family migration, including the family members of workers and students under the points-based system, refugee family reunion, and family visitors.</p> | 13/07/2011 | 06/10/2011 |

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| Welsh Government                 | <a href="#">Hague Convention 1996 - Handling cross- border child protection cases: a "key steps" guide for local authorities, health boards and NHS trusts in Wales</a> | <p>This consultation seeks your views on draft guidance produced by the Welsh Government.</p> <p>It will support Local Authorities, Health Boards and NHS Trusts on the implementation of the 1996 Hague Convention.</p> <p>The Convention covers a wide range of inter-country civil measures relating to the protection of children. Countries participating in the Convention can request authorities in other countries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide assistance in locating a child about whom there are protection concerns;</li> <li>• implement protection measures; and</li> <li>• provide reports on the child's situation.</li> </ul>  | 18/07/2011 | 07/10/2011 |
| Welsh Government                 | <a href="#">Review of Bathing Water Designations for 2012</a>   | <p>We want views on which waters in Wales should be identified (designated) as bathing waters. This is required under the European Bathing Water Directive.</p> <p>The directive aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect human health by requiring Member States to identify popular bathing waters;</li> <li>• monitor their water quality;</li> <li>• inform bathers about water quality; and</li> <li>• try to achieve good water quality at all designated sites.</li> </ul>   | 03/06/2011 | 07/10/2011 |
| Department for work and pensions | <a href="#">Housing Benefit Reform - Supported Housing - public consultation</a>  | <p>This consultation seeks views on the Government's proposals to change the way Housing Benefit helps those living in supported housing within the social and voluntary sector with their rent. We are seeking views to inform our policy development as we look to re-design the way in which Housing Benefit helps with the higher rents sometimes faced by those needing support to live independently, such as the elderly or those with disabilities. The public consultation applies to England, Scotland and Wales.</p> <p>The consultation is aimed primarily at those involved in the commissioning, funding and providing of supported housing. We also welcome comments from those needing support to live independently, such as vulnerable older and disabled people, and those who represent their views.</p> | 19/07/2011 | 09/10/2011 |
| Ministry of Justice              | <a href="#">Strategy for the Secure Estate for Children and Young People in England and Wales</a>   | <p>The consultation invites views on a proposed strategy for the under-18 secure estate for the years 2011/12 and 2014/15.</p> <p>It is aimed at individuals and organisations with an interest in the youth justice system and youth custody in particular. This includes secure estate providers, youth justice practitioners and service providers, children's charities and related third sector pressure groups, co-commissioners in health and education, local authority children's services managers, parliamentarians and young people in the youth justice system.</p>   | 19/07/2011 | 11/10/2011 |

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| <b>Ministry of Justice</b> | <a href="#">Public Bodies Bill: reforming the public bodies of the Ministry of Justice</a> | <p>This consultation sets out, and seeks views on, proposals for reform relating to the majority of Ministry of Justice bodies in the Public Bodies Bill.</p> <p>The consultation is aimed particularly at those statutory consultees listed in Clause 10 of the Bill but views are welcomed from others who may have an interest in public bodies reform in the Ministry of Justice.</p>   | 12/07/2011 | 11/10/2011 |
| <b>Welsh Government</b>    | <a href="#">NHS Staffing Statistics</a>  | <p>The purpose of this consultation is to seek users' views on the above proposal and our other NHS staffing statistics. The reasons and evidence behind the proposal is detailed in the consultation document that can be downloaded from this page. Your contributions will help us to understand the impact these changes could have on the individuals and organisations that use these statistics. The outcome of this consultation will inform our priorities for the years ahead.</p> <p>We will consider user views in full, as in a period of restricted resources, we need to be able to prioritise our activities. This is in line with the Official Statistics Code of Practice which states that effective user engagement is fundamental both to trust in statistics and securing maximum public value.</p> | 30/08/2011 | 11/10/2011 |
| <b>DEFRA</b>               | <a href="#">The future of the advisory committee on hazardous substances</a>               | <p>This consultation seeks views on (i) the proposed abolition of the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (ACHS) as a statutory Non Departmental Public Body, as provided for under the Public Bodies Bill currently before Parliament, following the Government's Arms Length Body Review; and (ii) the Government's preferred option to simultaneously reconstitute this body as a new expert scientific committee. We are also seeking views on proposed new Terms of Reference, and a name, for the successor body.</p>  | 07/07/2011 | 14/10/2011 |

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| National Assembly for Wales - Assembly Commission | <a href="#">Pre-legislative public consultation on Bilingual Services</a>         | <p>The National Assembly for Wales Commission (Assembly Commission) is today (3 August 2011) launching a public consultation about a new framework to govern its bilingual services.</p> <p>The (Draft) National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill would make provision about the use of the Welsh and English languages in proceedings of the National Assembly and in the discharge of the functions of the Assembly Commission.</p> <p>The Bill would place a duty on the Assembly Commission to bring forward a Bilingual Services Scheme specifying the measures it proposes to take in order to comply with its duties as outlined in the Government of Wales Act 2006. Those services were previously modelled on the Welsh Language Act 1993, which has since been replaced by the Welsh Language Measure 2011. In line with fundamental constitutional principles, neither the Assembly nor the Commission are subject to the arrangements of the Measure, so the Assembly Commission decided to explore a new legislative framework to govern its bilingual services.</p> | 03/08/2011 | 14/10/2011 |
| Department for Work and Pensions                  | <a href="#">Specialist disability employment programmes - public consultation</a> | <p>This consultation seeks views on the recommendations in Liz Sayce's independent report on specialist disability employment programmes "Getting in, staying in and getting on."</p> <p>This public consultation applies to England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>We particularly welcome responses from anyone with personal experience of, or an interest in, the Department's employment services for disabled people and people with health conditions, but we would like to hear from anybody who is interested.</p>   | 11/07/2011 | 17/10/2011 |
| DEFRA   | <a href="#">Hazardous Waste Consultation</a>                                      | <p>The Hazardous Waste National Policy Statement (NPS) sets out the strategic need and justification of Government policy for the provision of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) for hazardous waste. This will be used to guide decisions on development consent. The purpose of the consultation is to give stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the draft NPS and the framework it sets for those planning decisions. The deadline for response is 20 October 2011.</p> <p>We suggest that you read the consultation letter and consultation document first as these will give you background on the consultation and explain the relationship between all the documents.</p>  | 14/07/2011 | 20/10/2011 |
| UK Cabinet Office                                 | <a href="#">Making Open Data Real: A Public Consultation</a>                      | <p>The <a href="#">Open Data consultation paper</a> sets out Government's proposed approach for Transparency and Open Data Strategy, which is aimed at establishing a culture of openness and transparency in public services. We want to hear from everyone - citizens, businesses, public services themselves, and other interest groups - on how we can best embed a culture of openness and transparency in our public services.</p>   | 17/08/2011 | 27/10/2011 |

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| Home Office      | <a href="#">Consolidation and review of the misuse of drugs regulations 2001</a>   | <p>This consultation document seeks your comments on proposals to consolidate and review specific provisions under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 and on the accompanying impact assessment.</p> <p>When responding please state whether you are responding as an individual or whether you are representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.</p>   | 04/08/2011 | 28/10/2011 |
| Welsh Government | <a href="#">Consultation on Right to Buy Guidance</a>  | The Housing (Wales) Measure 2011 was passed in the National Assembly for Wales on 22 March 2011. It was approved by Her Majesty in Privy Council on 10 May 2011. We are consulting on guidance for local housing authorities in the event they wish to apply to suspend the Right to Buy and related rights in areas of housing pressure.   | 28/07/2011 | 31/10/2011 |
| Welsh Government | <a href="#">Changes to the Blue Badge Scheme in Wales</a>  | <p>This consultation details our plan for a new Blue Badge and seeks views on our proposals for the Blue Badge fee, assessment of eligibility and enforcement issues.</p> <p>The Blue Badge (Disabled Parking) Scheme ('the Scheme') provides a vital lifeline to disabled people in Wales. The Badge provides the holder with significant independence and helps improve quality of life by enabling the Badge holder to access important services. Seventy-five per cent of Badge holders say that they would go out less often if they did not have a Badge.</p> | 09/08/2011 | 31/10/2011 |
| Welsh Government | <a href="#">Proposal for a Regulation to amend the Foods for Particular Nutritional Uses Framework</a>   | <p>This consultation seeks your views on the European Commission's proposal to revise the legislation on specific foodstuffs.</p> <p>The proposal abolishes the concept of dietetic foods. It provides for a limited number of defined categories of food that are considered as essential for certain vulnerable groups of people, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foods intended for infants and young children and</li> <li>• food for patients under medical supervision.</li> </ul>   | 08/08/2011 | 31/10/2011 |
| DEFRA            | <a href="#">Proposals relating to the common fisheries policy and the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products</a> | <p>On 13th July the European Commission published a package of proposals to reform both the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and its supporting Common Market Organisation (CMO) in fishery and aquaculture products. Some of the changes that have been proposed are potentially far-reaching and could have a significant impact on UK fisheries and the marine environment.</p> <p>The UK is committed to genuine and fundamental reform of the CFP, to achieve healthy fish stocks, a prosperous fishing industry and a healthy marine environment.</p>            | 10/08/2011 | 10/11/2011 |

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| Commission on a Bill of Rights | <a href="#">Do we need a UK Bill of Rights?</a>                                      | <p>The Commission will investigate the creation of a UK Bill of Rights that incorporates and builds on all our obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights, ensures that these rights continue to be enshrined in UK law, and protects and extend our liberties.</p> <p>It will examine the operation and implementation of these obligations, and consider ways to promote a better understanding of the true scope of these obligations and liberties.</p> <p>It should provide interim advice to the Government on the ongoing Interlaken process to reform the Strasbourg court ahead of and following the UK's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe.</p> <p>It should consult, including with the public, judiciary and devolved administrations and legislatures, and aim to report no later than by the end of 2012.</p>   | 05/08/2011 | 11/11/2011 |
| DEFRA                          | <a href="#">Government proposal to abolish the Inland Waterways Advisory Council</a> | This consultation seeks views on the proposed abolition of the Inland Waterways Advisory Council as a statutory Non Departmental Public Body, as provided for under the Public Bodies Bill currently before Parliament, following the Government's Arms Length Body Review.  | 22/08/2011 | 14/11/2011 |
| Welsh Government               | <a href="#">Improving the planning appeals process</a>                               | <p>We want to make changes to the existing planning appeals system in Wales. These changes will simplify the appeals process and bring cost and time savings. They will also ensure that the procedures can deal with appeals of differing complexities.</p> <p>Our proposed changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a fast track system for householder appeals;</li> <li>• Enabling the Planning Inspectorate to decide the appeal method for each case, based on Ministerially approved and published criteria;</li> <li>• Extending the power to apply for costs to be awarded to appeals dealt with by written representations;</li> <li>• Making it easier to correct error(s) in appeal decisions;</li> <li>• Giving inspectors authority to determine appeals for old minerals permissions;</li> <li>• Changing payment arrangements of enforcement application fees when appeals are lodged so that the entire fee is paid to the local planning authority;</li> <li>• Requiring that Statements of Common Ground are submitted earlier; and</li> <li>• a formal process and guidance for time tables for complex inquiries.</li> </ul> | 17/08/2011 | 17/11/2011 |

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| <p><b>Care &amp; Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)</b></p> | <p><a href="#">CSSIW Engagement Strategy</a></p> | <p>This consultation paper sets out some ideas about how we can increase the involvement of service users, carers, and people with an interest in social care and social services, but you will have your own ideas that we would like to hear about.</p> <p>We are working with <a href="#">Participation Cymru</a> to make sure that we have direct contact with people over the next six months of the consultation. We will put more information about opportunities to engage with us on our web page in the next few weeks.</p> | <p>05/07/2011</p> | <p>04/01/2012</p> |
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