

**Consultation Bulletin - week ending 18 November 2011**

**Newly received this week**

Source	Title/link	Summary	Issue date	Deadline for Response
Welsh Government	<a href="#">New mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour</a>	<p>The consultation paper proposes to introduce a new mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>We welcome views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing a mandatory power of possession; and</li> <li>• The implementation of this power.</li> </ul>	18/11/2011	10/02/2012
Ministry of Justice	<a href="#">Fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal</a>	<p>A consultation proposing changes to fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal Division.</p> <p>It is aimed at users of the High Court and Court of Appeal Civil Division, the legal profession, the judiciary, the advice sector and all with an interest in this area in England and Wales.</p> <p>The aim of these proposals is to charge users of these two jurisdictions more proportionally for the resource their cases consume, while protecting access to justice for the most vulnerable. This will reduce the taxpayer subsidy of the courts service.</p>	15/11/2011	07/02/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Consultation on draft guidance to water and sewerage undertakers and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), in relation to social tariffs</a>	<p>This consultation seeks views on draft Welsh Government social tariff guidance to undertakers (water and sewerage companies and water only companies) which operate wholly or mainly in Wales and Ofwat (the Water Services Regulation Authority).</p>	14/11/2011	06/02/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Equality Act 2010: Duty on schools and Local Authorities to provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled children</a>	<p>This consultation document seeks views on commencing the provision within the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The provision that places a duty on schools and local authorities to provide auxiliary aids as part of their duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled children.</p> <p>The Equality Act 2010 makes a Minister of the UK Government responsible for commencing the new auxiliary aids duty, making any regulations under section 22 of the Act and for undertaking any consultation regarding these matters in relation to Wales. The Welsh Ministers have agreed however to consult in relation to Wales on the UK Minister's behalf under section 83(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006.</p> <p>This consultation seeks responses on two issues. Firstly, the date by</p>	11/11/2011	03/02/2012

		<p>which the new duty should be brought into effect, including consideration of whether there are any reasons why the duty should not be commenced or should be commenced later than September 2012. Secondly, whether regulations under section 22 of the Equality Act 2010 would be necessary to define the duty on schools and local authorities to provide auxiliary aids.</p>		
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Employment-based Teacher Training in Wales</a>	<p>This consultation seeks views on proposals to introduce a revised Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme to take effect from 1 September 2013.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is consulting on proposals to introduce a revised Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme.</p> <p>This would be a replacement for the Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme 2011 (2011 No.32) ("the 2011 Scheme") and would introduce provisions allowing an additional training programme to run if required.</p>	11/11/2011	31/01/2012

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<p><b>British Institute of Human Rights</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Your chance to comment on the Government's human rights record</a></p> <p>Please send any comments on this consultation to <a href="mailto:jmcquade@wcva.org.uk">jmcquade@wcva.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Every four years the UK Government is subject to a review of its human rights record by the United Nations (UN). The UK Government's next review takes place in 2012 and the UN is looking for input now from voluntary and community organisations about the human rights situation in the UK.</p> <p>The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has commissioned the British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) to raise awareness of the UN's human rights review process and to encourage organisations from across society to submit their comments to the UN.</p> <p>You are invited to join us at one of the three events taking place in central venues in Cardiff (20 October), Leeds (31 October) and London (2 November), to find out more about the UN's human rights review process and how to submit comments yourself, or join BIHR's submission. The events in Cardiff and Leeds will run from 10am-4pm, and the event in London from 12.30-4.00pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided at all events.</p> <p>The UN's human rights review is conducted by the UN Human Rights Council and provides an important opportunity to hold the UK Government to account for its domestic human rights record. It is a formal process, and voluntary and community sector organisations (VCS) and others are invited to submit evidence to inform the review. The information provided to the UN by independent reliable sources allows for the formulation of smart, relevant and time-bound recommendations for the Government to improve the human rights of all in the country.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>21/11/2011</p>
<p><b>National Assembly for Wales - Children and Young People Committee</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Inquiry into the Implementation of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009</a></p>	<p>The Committee will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the effect that the implementation of the <i>Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009</i> has had on young people aged 14-19 years;</li> <li>• whether the implementation of the <i>Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009</i> has had any effect on the numbers of young people choosing to stay on in education or training after the end of compulsory education at age 16;</li> <li>• whether young people aged 14-19 have a wider choice for academic and vocational courses as a result of the <i>Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009</i>;</li> <li>• what practical problems have been addressed in order to implement the <i>Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009</i>.</li> </ul>	<p>12/10/2011</p>	<p>22/11/2011</p>

DEFRA	<a href="#">The Wine Regulations 2011</a>	<p>These Regulations are the result of the 2008 EU Wine Reform where the UK secured major concessions for UK wine producers. They provide a basis for the UK to enforce the rules of the EU Wine Regime and ensure wine on sale in the UK has been produced correctly and is sold in a way that does not mislead the consumer.</p> <p>These Regulations will apply to the whole of the UK with revised application of the wine rules to provide for an improved balance of sanctions that can be applied where offences have been committed, and more relevant powers made available to enforcement authorities. They also embrace the wishes of UK producers by providing a basis for the amendment of the existing wine quality schemes in England and Wales by now recognising sparkling wines and safeguarding the reputation of UK wines as a whole.</p> <p>This is a joint consultation by Defra, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Scottish Government and the Welsh Government.</p>	19/10/2011	22/11/2011
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. 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
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Fire and Rescue Authorities - Publication of Improvement Plans</a>	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to consult on a proposed change to the requirement for the publication of Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) Improvement Plans.</p>	03/10/2011	28/11/2011
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills	<a href="#">Proposal to establish NESTA as an independent charity and a charitable trust</a>	<p>The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) is an executive non-departmental public body (NDPB). NESTA's remit to support and promote talent, innovation and creativity in the fields of science, technology and the arts.</p>	18/10/2011	29/11/2011

Welsh Government	<a href="#">The equality duties at work in Wales - we want your views</a>	<p>The Welsh Government is in the process of deciding how the Welsh specific equality duties could make a positive difference to the way we work and we want to hear from you.</p> <p>The Welsh specific equality duties are there to help ensure that public services and employment are fair and accessible to you - from feeling safe out and about to your chance to flourish at school and in work. Your gender, race, faith or belief, sexual orientation, age, being a mum-to-be, being married or in a civil partnership should not put you at a disadvantage, nor should being a disabled person or being transgender.</p>	21/10/2011	02/12/2011
Department for Culture Media and Sport	<a href="#">Consultation on proposal to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003</a>	The Licensing Act 2003 brought together nine separate outdated licensing related regimes, and created instead a single Act that controlled alcohol supply and sale, late night refreshment, and "regulated entertainment". In tidying up the old licensing regimes new problems were created for many wishing to host entertainment events.	10/09/2011	03/12/2011
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Welsh Health Survey Outputs</a>	The Welsh Health Survey provides unique information about the health and health-related lifestyles of people living in Wales. It covers a range of health-related issues, including health status, lifestyle and health behaviours, and health service use. The 2010 annual report was published on September 13th 2011, along with a local authority bulletin and additional online tables and charts.	13/09/2011	06/12/2011
Department for Business Innovation and Skills	<a href="#">Mutualisation of the Post Office</a>	<p>Consultation that explores what a mutual Post Office Ltd might look like. It seek feedback for more clarity on the issues that the Government would need to take into account before mutualisation could be achieved.</p> <p>This consultation builds on the comprehensive report <a href="#">Mutual Options for Post Office Ltd</a> commissioned by Government and published in May 2011 by Co-operatives UK. The Government aims to appraise further the case for and shape of a mutualisation.</p>	19/09/2011	12/12/2011
Equality & Human Rights Commission	<a href="#">Consultation on our strategic plan for 2012-15</a>	Equality, human rights and good relations between people affect us all, regardless of our backgrounds, so we are committed to meaningfully consulting and engaging with all those who are interested in the Commission's work. Therefore our strategic planning process includes three phases of consultation and involvement of our stakeholders and the general public. The current consultation concerns phase two of the process.	11/10/2011	12/12/2011
National Assembly for Wales - Petitions Committee	<a href="#">Wales Peace Institute</a>	The Petitions Committee of the National Assembly for Wales has received the following petition: 'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to investigate the potential for and practicality of Wales having a Peace Institute concerned with Peace and Human Rights, comparable with those supported by state governments in Flanders, Catalonia and elsewhere in Europe.'	19/10/2011	14/12/2011

		Do you feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible?		
Welsh Government	<a href="#">The Mental Health (Regional Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2012</a>	<p>This consultation seeks your views on regulations which would enable Local Health Boards (LHBs) and local authorities in Wales to enter into regional working arrangements.</p> <p>These bodies (the 'local mental health partners') would be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deliver local primary mental health support services under Part 1 of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010, and</li> <li>• make arrangements for provision of assessments for former users of secondary mental health services under Part 3 of the Measure.</li> </ul> <p>The Regulations have been drafted in a way which recognises and facilitates these regional arrangements.</p> <p>LHBs and local authorities would not then be able to make Part 1 schemes or Part 3 arrangements on a local authority-wide basis as the Measure currently allows. They would be obliged to enter into region-wide schemes and arrangements.</p>	26/09/2011	16/12/2011
DEFRA	<a href="#">Rabies control strategy</a>	<p>This consultation seeks views on Defra's recently revised and published draft <a href="#">Rabies Control Strategy</a>, which sets out a framework for how an incident or outbreak of rabies in England and/or Wales would be managed.</p> <p>The Control Strategy describes the general control options that have been identified for the most likely scenarios for cases of classical rabies virus and the rationale for such controls. In general we have avoided prescribing exactly how and when individual controls should be applied as we need to retain the necessary flexibility so that each situation can be dealt with on a case-by-case basis appropriate to the particular circumstances. We do however want to understand in a bit more detail the practicalities of the control options as there may be some scope in clarifying the circumstances under which they are more likely to be used, less likely or indeed ruled out altogether. We are specifically seeking views on the use of control options though we welcome general comments on all aspects of the document.</p>	18/10/2011	16/12/2011

<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p><a href="#">Consultation on the draft code of practice to parts 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010</a></p>	<p>This consultation seeks views on a draft Code of Practice for care and treatment planning. It also covers reassessment for secondary mental health services under the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Measure is concerned with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the appointment of care coordinators as part of the process of planning and coordinating care; and</li> <li>• care and treatment plans for people receiving secondary mental health services.</li> </ul> <p>Part 3 of the Measure is concerned with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• former users of secondary mental health services; and</li> <li>• providing a right for them to refer themselves back to secondary services for assessment directly.</li> </ul> <p>The draft code sets out guiding principles and practice guidance for the operation of the Measure.</p>	<p>18/10/2011</p>	<p>16/12/2011</p>
<p>National Assembly for Wales - Health &amp; Social Care Committee</p>	<p><a href="#">Inquiry into Residential Care for Older People</a></p>	<p>The Committee's inquiry will examine the provision of residential care for older people in Wales and the way in which it can meet their current and future needs.</p> <p><b>The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:</b></p> <p>To examine the provision of residential care in Wales and the ways in which it can meet the current and future needs of older people, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the process by which older people enter residential care and the availability and accessibility of alternative community-based services, including reablement services and domiciliary care.</li> <li>• the capacity of the residential care sector to meet the demand for services from older people in terms of staffing resources, including the skills mix of staff and their access to training, and the number of places and facilities, and resource levels.</li> <li>• the quality of residential care services and the experiences of service users and their families; the effectiveness of services at meeting the diversity of need amongst older people; and the management of care home closures.</li> <li>• the effectiveness of the regulation and inspection arrangements for residential care, including the scope for increased scrutiny of service providers' financial viability.</li> <li>• new and emerging models of care provision.</li> <li>• the balance of public and independent sector provision, and alternative funding, management, and ownership models, such as those offered by the cooperative, mutual sector and third sector, and Registered Social Landlords.</li> </ul>	<p>24/10/2011</p>	<p>16/12/2011</p>

Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence	<a href="#">The performance review 2011/12</a>	<p>Each year we carry out a <a href="#">performance review</a> of the health professional regulators and report our findings to Parliament, to health ministers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and to the public.</p> <p>The first stage of the performance review requires the regulators to provide evidence of how they meet the <a href="#">Standards of Good Regulation</a>. The standards include how the regulators set and communicate standards for their health professionals to meet, how they place individuals on their registers of health professionals, how they ensure the quality of education and training and how they take action against registrants when their fitness to practise is called into question.</p>	16/09/2011	16/12/2011
Environment Agency	<a href="#">Consultation on our charges for 2012 to 2015</a>	<p>This consultation covers our charging proposals for Environmental Permitting, abstraction and Emissions Trading charging schemes from 2012-2015. We are seeking views from charge payers, trade associations and other interested parties on our major proposals which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change to the rate of charges for the majority of charge payers for two years with a check at the end of the first year (this does not include abstraction charges)</li> <li>• A small number of technical changes that are largely beneficial to industry</li> <li>• A small increase in charges in year 3.</li> </ul> <p>We propose to increase abstraction charges each year to fund specific cost pressures.</p>	28/09/2011	21/12/2011
BBC Trust	<a href="#">Service review of BBC Local Radio</a>	<p>BBC Local Radio should deliver up-to-the minute, accurate, impartial and independent news, analysis and insight. It should provide fast and comprehensive coverage of local, UK and international events as they unfold and specialist analysis to put the news in context.</p> <p>The Trust has issued a service licence for BBC Local Radio which sets out what each station is expected to achieve. We want to find out how well you think that BBC Local Radio is meeting these expectations?</p>	06/10/2011	21/12/2011
BBC Trust	<a href="#">Delivering Quality First</a>	<p>In January 2011 the BBC Trust asked BBC management to develop a set of proposals to re-organise the BBC's business and make the savings required by the 2010 licence fee settlement.</p> <p>This public consultation marks the conclusion of the process of internal debate and consultation over those proposals.</p>	06/10/2011	21/12/2011

BBC Trust	<a href="#">Service review of BBC Asian Network</a>	<p>The BBC Asian Network's remit is to provide speech and music output appealing to British Asians, with a strong focus on news and current affairs. It should be primarily in English, but some programming should be provided in a range of South Asian languages.</p> <p>The Trust has issued a service licence for the Asian Network which sets out what the station is expected to achieve. We want to find out how well you think that the station is meeting these expectations?</p>	06/10/2011	21/12/2011
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (1992) and New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (2007)</a>	This consultation seeks views on the proposed increase in employee contribution rates from 1 April 2012 for members of the Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (1992) and New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (2007).	26/10/2011	21/12/2011
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Supporting People Programme Guidance</a>	<p>It is anticipated that the guidance will be used at the launch of the new Supporting People Programme from April 2012.</p> <p>The guidance is the product of the supporting people implementation programme. The programme is implementing the recommendations of the review carried out by Sir Professor Mansel Alyward. This consultation is not seeking arguments for and against the recommendations but rather their implementation.</p>	11/11/2011	23/12/2011
Department of Health	<a href="#">Proposals to introduce independent prescribing by physiotherapists</a>	This consultation concerns proposals for physiotherapists to become independent prescribers of medicines. It also proposes that physiotherapist independent prescribers are allowed to mix licensed medicines prior to administration and direct others to mix, and to be able to prescribe independently from a limited list of controlled drugs. This would be achieved primarily by changes to the Medicines Act 1968 and the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001.	15/09/2011	30/12/2011
Department of Health	<a href="#">Proposals to introduce independent prescribing by podiatrists</a>	This consultation concerns proposals for podiatrists to become independent prescribers of medicines. It also proposes that podiatrist independent prescribers are allowed to mix licensed medicines prior to administration and direct others to mix, and to be able to prescribe independently from a limited list of controlled drugs. This would be achieved primarily by changes to the Medicines Act 1968 and the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001.	15/09/2011	30/12/2011
Department for Work and Pensions	<a href="#">Consultation on the abolition and transfer of functions of the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission</a>	<p>The Government is proposing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>abolish the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission (C-MEC) as a non-departmental public body, and</li> <li>transfer its functions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.</li> </ul> <p>We will do this using the powers in the Public Bodies Bill, currently before Parliament.</p> <p>This change will enable Ministers to have more direct control, responsibility, and accountability over the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>delivery of child maintenance strategic and operational policy,</li> </ul>	10/10/2011	03/01/2012

		<p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ongoing and future reform of child maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>We are seeking views on this proposal. This is a structural change, and the consultation does not imply any change in the services delivered to customers. Please note that we are not seeking views on child maintenance policy issues. The consultation is aimed primarily at those who have a professional relationship with the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission, although all views are welcome.</p>		
Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)	<a href="#">CSSIW Engagement Strategy</a>	<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>	05/07/2011	05/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">White paper: School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill</a>	<p>On 12 July 2011, the First Minister made a statement on the Legislative Programme for the Welsh Government. In that statement he announced that there would be an Education Bill in 2012.</p> <p>This White Paper seeks your views on the proposed legislation for the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill.</p> <p>Versions of this document that will be accessible for children and young people are available.</p>	10/10/2011	05/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Proposal to complete the transposition of the Framework Directive on Health and Safety of Workers 89/391/EEC into the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005</a>	<p>The purpose of this Consultation is to consult on the proposed regulations for the transposition of the Framework Directive on Health and Safety of Workers into the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.</p> <p>Subject to the results of this consultation exercise, it is proposed that the new regulations will be laid in February 2012 and will come into effect immediately.</p>	11/11/2011	06/01/2012
National Assembly for Wales - Finance Committee	<a href="#">Effectiveness of European Structural Funding in Wales</a>	<p>The Finance Committee is calling for information to help it scrutinise the effectiveness of European Structural Funding in Wales. We want you to let us know about your experience of the impact of European Structural Funding in Wales to date. In particular, we intend to examine use of the Convergence and Regional Competitiveness and Employment Programmes in Wales for the 2007-2013 period.</p>	31/10/2011	09/01/2012

Food Standards Agency	<a href="#">Local Authority Audit Rating Scheme</a>	<p>The Food Standards Agency in Wales is consulting on its proposals to carry out a rolling three-year programme of audits of food and animal feed law enforcement functions of Welsh local authorities.</p> <p>The Food Standards Agency intends to introduce, from April 2012, a rolling three-year programme of audits of the food and animal feed law enforcement functions undertaken by local authorities in Wales. We propose that, in order to increase transparency and accessibility of audit findings, each local authority service receives a grade following the audit. The grade will reflect the findings of the audit process in relation to each local authority's systems, its performance and the outcomes achieved.</p>	05/10/2011	10/01/2012
Church in Wales	<a href="#">Have your say in the future of the Church in Wales</a>	<p>Parishioners across Wales are being invited to share their ideas for the future of the Church in Wales with a team of advisers who are conducting an independent root and branch <a href="#">review</a>.</p> <p>A series of open meetings is being held in all the six dioceses of Wales starting next week to give people the chance to meet the review team and have their say on a wide range of issues - from funding church buildings to reorganising structures.</p> <p>There will be one open meeting in each diocese. The dates and venues are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 November, 6.30pm - St John's Church, Carmarthen</li> <li>• 9 November, 2pm - Brecon Cathedral</li> <li>• 28 November, 6.30pm - St Asaph Cathedral</li> <li>• 29 November, 2.30pm - Bangor Cathedral</li> <li>• 10 January, 7.30pm - Llandaff (venue to be confirmed)</li> <li>• 11 January, 2.30pm - Newport, Priory Centre, Abergavenny</li> </ul>	06/11/2011	12/01/2012
DEFRA	<a href="#">Draft Guidance on Company Social Tariffs 2011</a>	<p>Section 44 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 enables water and sewerage companies in England and Wales to include social tariffs in their charges schemes, reducing charges for households who would otherwise have difficulty in paying their bill in full. The Act requires the Secretary of State to issue guidance to water and sewerage companies and Ofwat, and requires companies and Ofwat to have regard to the guidance. We have now produced draft guidance and are consulting on this guidance. This consultation is aimed at water and sewerage companies and organisations representing customers but we welcome responses from all interested parties.</p>	26/10/2011	17/01/2012
Arts Council of Wales	<a href="#">Strategic Equality Plan - Draft for consultation</a>	<p>We are currently consulting on our Draft Strategic Equality Plan. We welcome your comments. Please send your responses to <a href="mailto:response@artswales.org.uk">response@artswales.org.uk</a> by 20 January, 2012.</p>	28/10/2011	20/01/2012

Welsh Government	<a href="#">Local participation strategies 0-25</a>	<p>This consultation seeks the views of local authorities (LA's) and key partners on draft statutory guidance.</p> <p>LA's and key partners will be required to ensure children and young people have the opportunity to be involved in local decisions that affect their lives. This is in line with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>The guidance also aims to encourage good practice by setting out minimum requirements for a Local Participation Strategy. Events will take place across Wales during this consultation to ensure children and young people have the opportunity to give their views.</p>	01/11/2011	23/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Amendments to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (1992) and the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (2007)</a>	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to consult on the proposed changes and this papers sets out a number of policy proposals in respect of suggested changes to the two fire service pension schemes, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of the rule enabling compulsory early retirement in the interests of Efficiency (rule A14);</li> <li>• Changes to indexation of additional pension benefits - to the Consumer Prices Index;</li> <li>• Commutation - discretion to permit the maximum payment;</li> <li>• Pensionable pay - definition;</li> <li>• Age discrimination - contributions holiday;</li> <li>• Medical appeals - power to review decisions;</li> <li>• Appeals on non-medical issues - appeal to Pensions Ombudsman;</li> <li>• Withdrawal of pension whilst employed by a fire and rescue authority (abatement);</li> <li>• Pensions tax - alignment with tax legislation; and</li> <li>• Other, technical amendments (including the updating of statutory references).</li> </ul>	31/10/2011	23/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Local Authority Environmental Regulation of Industrial Plant: 2012/13 Risk Based Fees and Charges</a>	<p>Local authorities recover their costs for regulating industry to prevent or reduce pollution to acceptable levels through fees and charges for Environmental Permits. This consultation is about these fees and charges in Wales.</p> <p>The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 allow for fees and charges to be set for Local Air Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC) and Local Air - Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (LA-IPPC) at levels that will recover costs of local authorities of implementing the system.</p>	31/10/2011	23/01/2012

Arts Council of Wales	<a href="#">Funding for Music Industry Development - consultation</a>	We welcome your comments on our Funding for Music Industry Development consultation. Please send your responses to <a href="mailto:response@artswales.org.uk">response@artswales.org.uk</a> by 25 January, 2012.	07/11/2011	25/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">A strategic monitoring framework for the planning system: Measuring progress towards a sustainable Wales</a>	We are seeking your views on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• our approach to measuring the contribution of the planning system to our vision of a sustainable Wales;</li> <li>• each of the proposed indicators;</li> <li>• the phasing and reporting levels of the new framework;</li> <li>• the consolidation of existing measures;</li> <li>• the impacts on local planning authorities; and</li> <li>• the reporting arrangements for the framework.</li> </ul>	04/11/2011	27/01/2011
Welsh Government	<a href="#">The Mental Health (Primary Care Referrals and Eligibility to Conduct Primary Mental Health Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2012</a>	Draft Regulations which enable GPs to refer individuals who are entitled to receive primary medical services.	07/11/2011	27/01/2012
Department for Work and Pensions	<a href="#">The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levies - Amendment) Regulations 2012 - consultation on draft regulations</a>	The consultation seeks views on the enclosed draft of the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levies - Amendment) Regulations 2012, which would make changes to the rates of the general levy and the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) administration levy for 2012/13 onwards. The intention is that the regulations will come into force on 1 April 2012.	07/11/2011	30/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Draft children's scheme</a>	This consultation refers to a scheme which we are required to produce under the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.	07/11/2011	30/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Draft Construction and Demolition Sector Plan</a>	This plan covers waste from construction, civil engineering and demolition projects. It aims to prevent and reduce waste and increase recycling from businesses in this sector.  It will do this through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• influencing behaviour change;</li> <li>• encouraging better ways of working;</li> <li>• developing partnerships with the third sector; and</li> <li>• legislative controls.</li> </ul> The aims will be addressed from design of products or buildings to	08/11/2011	31/01/2012

		demolition, recovery and disposal.		
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Proposals for Legislation on organ and tissue donation: A Welsh Government White Paper</a>	<p>On 12 July 2011, the First Minister made a statement on the Legislative Programme for the Welsh Government. In that statement he announced that the Welsh Government will</p> <p>"... launch a white paper consultation on an Organ Donation (Wales) Bill before the end of this year. The Bill will provide for an opt-out system of organ donation, backed by a comprehensive communication programme."</p> <p>This White Paper consultation seeks responses on the Welsh Government's proposals for legislation on organ and tissue donation.</p> <p>The objective is to introduce a soft opt-out system in Wales which aims to increase the number of organ and tissue donors in Wales, allowing more lives to be saved and to improve the quality of life of others. Your responses will be considered in developing the Bill.</p>	07/11/2011	31/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Cosmetic piercing of young people</a>	<p>The Welsh Government is committed to improving the health of people in Wales. This consultation meets a key action in the Programme for Government: 'consult on the need to introduce legislation to ensure parental consent for cosmetic piercing procedures carried out on young people'.</p> <p>We are thinking about introducing a new law which will cover the following key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The need for a parent or guardian to give their permission (both in writing and through attendance at the piercing appointment) before a young person below a certain age can have a cosmetic piercing (we currently think this should be below 16).</li> <li>2. A clear age restriction for intimate cosmetic piercings.</li> <li>3. A standard set of questions which must be asked by the piercer before any cosmetic piercing can be done.</li> </ol>	18/10/2011	31/01/2012

Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust	<a href="#">Partners in Healthcare Strategy 2012-2014</a>	<p>This strategy sets out our plans for improving public health through the provision of information and an approach to continuous engagement with the people of Wales. We recognise that through our work we can contribute to the improvement of individual's health through collaboration and partnership working. Our health information and web site developments provide health advice and information that can empower and educate individuals to take responsibility for maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) wants to place its users at the centre of its services, to make sure we are providing safe, high quality care and services.</p>	01/11/2011	31/01/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Collection and Publication of Fire Statistics</a>	The purpose of this consultation is to seek users' views on proposals to change the data collections and statistical outputs. 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. 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.	09/11/2011	01/02/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Review of the exceptions to regulations regarding the maximum length of fishing boats in the 0-6nm zone.</a>	The prohibition of fishing in certain areas of the 0-6nm zone using boats in excess of certain size limits is fundamental. This is required to help achieve the vision within the Wales Fisheries Strategy.	10/11/2011	02/02/2012
Welsh Government	<a href="#">Call for evidence: Ensuring the planning system delivers</a>	As part of the evidence base for the Planning Bill due in 2013, an independent advisory group has been set up to review and consider the options on how to deliver the planning system in the future.	11/11/2011	03/02/2012