

Consultation Bulletin - week ending 23 December 2011

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| Welsh Government | Children and young people's continuing care guidance | <p>It is designed for all those planning and providing children's continuing care services in Local Health Boards, Local Authorities and their partners.</p> <p>It describes the process for putting in place continuing care packages for those children and young people whose needs cannot be met by existing universal or specialist services alone.</p> | 20/12/2011 | 13/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Consultation on the breeding of dogs | The Animal Welfare Act 2006 allows Welsh Ministers to replace the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 with appropriate Regulations. | 20/12/2011 | 27/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Consultation on the draft document 'Together Against Cancer' a national Delivery Plan for the NHS up to 2016. | <p>This consultation is seeking comments and views from clinicians, NHS managers and service users.</p> <p>Cancer remains a top priority for Wales. Over the coming years, around 1 in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer before age 75 and around 4 in 10 at some stage during their lifetime. Cancer is a common diagnosis and the incidence is increasing.</p> <p>The draft Delivery Plan sets out the Welsh Government's vision for the population of Wales and what this means for NHS cancer services.</p> | 19/12/2011 | 05/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | The Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012 | Draft regulations which contain the prescribed survey form with the prescribed questions for local authorities to conduct a survey of councillors and unsuccessful candidates - a new duty which was introduced by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. | 19/12/2011 | 24/01/2012 |
| National Assembly for Wales - Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee | Inquiry into the establishment of a separate Welsh jurisdiction | <p>Since the referendum result on 3 March 2011 gave the National Assembly extensive powers to make laws for Wales, the issue of whether Wales should become a separate legal jurisdiction has become a matter of public interest and discussion. In particular, the First Minister has indicated that he intends to initiate a public debate about whether a separate Welsh jurisdiction is needed.</p> <p>The Committee believes that these developments provide a good opportunity for the technical aspects of this question to be examined and has therefore agreed to conduct an inquiry.</p> | 19/12/2011 | 03/02/2012 |

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| Food Standards Agency | The Food Additives (Wales) (Amendment) and the Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2012 | To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on the provisions of the draft Food Additives (Wales) (Amendment) and the Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2012 and the associated EU legislation. | 15/12/2011 | 16/02/2012 |
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| National Assembly for Wales - Finance Committee | Effectiveness of European Structural Funding in Wales | 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. | 31/10/2011 | 09/01/2012 |
| Food Standards Agency | Local Authority Audit Rating Scheme | <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 |

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| Church in Wales | Have your say in the future of the Church in Wales | <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 review.</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"> • 8 November, 6.30pm - St John's Church, Carmarthen • 9 November, 2pm - Brecon Cathedral • 28 November, 6.30pm - St Asaph Cathedral • 29 November, 2.30pm - Bangor Cathedral • 10 January, 7.30pm - Llandaff (venue to be confirmed) • 11 January, 2.30pm - Newport, Priory Centre, Abergavenny | 06/11/2011 | 12/01/2012 |
| Department for Work & Pensions | The Pensions (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries - Amendment) Regulations 2012 | <p>This consultation seeks views on the enclosed draft of the Pensions (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries - Amendment) Regulations 2012. The intention is that the regulations will come into force in April 2012.</p> <p>The consultation is primarily aimed at the merged actuarial body, the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. Comments are also welcomed from the wider public.</p> | 01/12/2011 | 12/01/2012 |
| Department for Work and Pensions | Social security information-sharing: draft regulations - public consultation | <p>This consultation seeks views on the introduction of new powers which will make data sharing easier for certain welfare services and social security purposes.</p> <p>The consultation is aimed primarily at all local authorities across England, Scotland and Wales, including parts of the local authority that deliver Housing Benefit or welfare services. We welcome views from other people or organisations who might also be interested, such as applicants for a benefit or service, or welfare rights organisations. We are happy to receive responses from anyone who wants to comment on the new policy.</p> | 21/11/2011 | 13/01/2012 |
| Home Office | Domestic violence disclosure scheme | <p>This consultation seeks your views on whether to introduce a scheme for disclosing information about an individual's history of domestic violence to a new partner.</p> | 25/10/2011 | 13/01/2012 |

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| Home Office | Consultation on police powers to promote and maintain public order | <p>This three-part consultation seeks your views on the areas of police powers which the government is committed to reviewing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the relevance of the word 'insulting' in section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986 • new powers to request removal of face coverings • new powers to impose curfew to prevent and control outbreaks of disorder | 13/10/2011 | 13/01/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Proposed Changes to Homelessness Data Collections | <p>The purpose of this consultation is to seek users' views on proposals for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further changes to the current quarterly and annual homelessness data collection return; and • the introduction of a new twice yearly data collection return covering homelessness prevention and relief. <p>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 decision as to whether these changes can be implemented. 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> | 05/12/2011 | 16/01/2012 |
| DEFRA | Draft Guidance on Company Social Tariffs 2011 | <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 | Strategic Equality Plan - Draft for consultation | <p>We are currently consulting on our Draft Strategic Equality Plan. We welcome your comments. Please send your responses to response@artswales.org.uk by 20 January, 2012.</p> | 28/10/2011 | 20/01/2012 |
| BBC Trust | Consultation on draft Party Political Broadcasts policy | <p>This consultation will allow the Trust to take into consideration the views of registered political parties, relevant organisations such as the Electoral Commission, together with other regulatory bodies, broadcasters and members of the public in determining whether the proposed PPB policy should be approved.</p> <p>PPBs are also provided by ITV and S4C, who are members of the Broadcasters' Liaison Group. ITV is regulated by Ofcom.</p> | 06/12/2011 | 20/01/2012 |

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| Welsh Government | Local participation strategies 0-25 | <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 | Amendments to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (1992) and the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (2007) | <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"> • Removal of the rule enabling compulsory early retirement in the interests of Efficiency (rule A14); • Changes to indexation of additional pension benefits - to the Consumer Prices Index; • Commutation - discretion to permit the maximum payment; • Pensionable pay - definition; • Age discrimination - contributions holiday; • Medical appeals - power to review decisions; • Appeals on non-medical issues - appeal to Pensions Ombudsman; • Withdrawal of pension whilst employed by a fire and rescue authority (abatement); • Pensions tax - alignment with tax legislation; and • Other, technical amendments (including the updating of statutory references). | 31/10/2011 | 23/01/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Local Authority Environmental Regulation of Industrial Plant: 2012/13 Risk Based Fees and Charges | <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 |

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| Arts Council of Wales | Funding for Music Industry Development - consultation | We welcome your comments on our Funding for Music Industry Development consultation. Please send your responses to response@artswales.org.uk by 25 January, 2012. | 07/11/2011 | 25/01/2012 |
| Welsh Government | A strategic monitoring framework for the planning system: Measuring progress towards a sustainable Wales | We are seeking your views on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our approach to measuring the contribution of the planning system to our vision of a sustainable Wales; • each of the proposed indicators; • the phasing and reporting levels of the new framework; • the consolidation of existing measures; • the impacts on local planning authorities; and • the reporting arrangements for the framework. | 04/11/2011 | 27/01/2011 |
| Welsh Government | The Mental Health (Primary Care Referrals and Eligibility to Conduct Primary Mental Health Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2012 | 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 | The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levies - Amendment) Regulations 2012 - consultation on draft regulations | 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 | Draft children's scheme | 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 | Updated qualifications regulations for school teachers in Wales | This consultation seeks views on proposals to introduce an updated replacement for the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (Wales) Regulations 2004. This is in order to make changes to some of the requirements for recognition as a qualified teacher in Wales. This would include some miscellaneous amendments and updating. | 05/12/2011 | 30/01/2012 |

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| Welsh Government | Draft Construction and Demolition Sector Plan | <p>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.</p> <p>It will do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • influencing behaviour change; • encouraging better ways of working; • developing partnerships with the third sector; and • legislative controls. <p>The aims will be addressed from design of products or buildings to demolition, recovery and disposal.</p> | 08/11/2011 | 31/01/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Proposals for Legislation on organ and tissue donation: A Welsh Government White Paper | <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 | Cosmetic piercing of young people | <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"> 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). 2. A clear age restriction for intimate cosmetic piercings. 3. A standard set of questions which must be asked by the piercer before any cosmetic piercing can be done. | 18/10/2011 | 31/01/2012 |

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| <p>Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust</p> | <p>Partners in Healthcare Strategy 2012-2014</p> | <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> | <p>01/11/2011</p> | <p>31/01/2012</p> |
| <p>Welsh Government</p> | <p>Employment-based Teacher Training in Wales</p> | <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> | <p>11/11/2011</p> | <p>31/01/2012</p> |
| <p>Department for Business innovation & skills</p> | <p>Call for evidence - Collective Redundancy Consultation Rules</p> | <p>With this Call for Evidence we are keen to establish the advantages and disadvantages of the current rules on collective redundancy consultation. We want to find out what effect they have on business confidence and flexibility to respond effectively and appropriately to market opportunities and challenges. We want to understand the challenges for business in pursuing collective redundancy consultation - including the barriers to starting consultation and achieving agreement. We also want to explore the issues for employees - including the ability to engage meaningfully with their employer during a consultation and the ability to find and secure alternative employment or training, should that prove necessary.</p> | <p>23/11/2011</p> | <p>31/01/2012</p> |
| <p>Welsh Government</p> | <p>Collection and Publication of Fire Statistics</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>09/11/2011</p> | <p>01/02/2012</p> |

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| Welsh Government | Review of the exceptions to regulations regarding the maximum length of fishing boats in the 0-6nm zone. | 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 | Call for evidence: Ensuring the planning system delivers | 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 |
| Welsh Government | Equality Act 2010: Duty on schools and Local Authorities to provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled children | <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 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> | 11/11/2011 | 03/02/2012 |
| National Assembly for Wales - Children & Young People Committee | Inquiry into adoption | <p>The National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee is undertaking an inquiry into adoption and is keen to examine the experiences and voice of those directly affected by the adoption process.</p> <p>The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.</p> <p>Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video</p> | 09/02/2011 | 03/02/2012 |

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| Home Office | Consultation on stalking | The government has launched this consultation to ask for views on how we can protect victims of stalking more effectively. The consultation incorporates a number of issues, including current legislation, the effect of police information notices, search powers, the work of existing organisations and alternative measures to tackle stalking. | 14/11/2011 | 05/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Consultation on draft guidance to water and sewerage undertakers and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), in relation to social tariffs | 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). | 14/11/2011 | 06/02/2012 |
| Ministry of Justice | Fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal | A consultation proposing changes to fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal Division. 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. 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. | 15/11/2011 | 07/02/2012 |
| Food Standards Agency | Lifting of Post-Chernobyl Sheep Controls | The Food Standards Agency is seeking views on the proposal to remove all remaining controls on the movement of sheep from the restricted areas, based on the assessment that the risk to consumers from radioactivity in sheep resulting from the Chernobyl nuclear accident is now very low. | 17/11/2011 | 08/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | New mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour | The consultation paper proposes to introduce a new mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour. We welcome views on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing a mandatory power of possession; and • The implementation of this power. | 18/11/2011 | 10/02/2012 |

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| General Medical Council | Help us review Good Medical Practice 2012 | The General Medical Council is seeking your views on <i>Good Medical Practice - a draft for consultation</i> . This questionnaire is aimed at representatives of organisations but is open to anyone. | 31/10/2011 | 10/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Consultation on UK recovery and recycling targets for packaging waste for 2013-2017 | The Producer Responsibility Obligations Regulations on packaging waste came into force on 16 March 2007. This is a joint consultation on the new targets by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); • the Scottish Government; and • the Welsh Government. | 16/12/2011 | 10/02/2012 |
| Ministry of Justice | Appointments and Diversity: A Judiciary for the 21st Century | A consultation on proposed amendments to the statutory and regulatory frameworks for judicial appointments, together with improving judicial diversity. Although the principle of appointment on merit will remain, the changes will enable clear career progression and flexible working arrangements to encourage applications from previously untapped talent pools. The wide ranging consultation seeks views whether, when considering two candidates of equal ability, there could be a presumption in favour of selecting the person from an underrepresented group. Lack of diversity among judges has been shown to have a negative impact on the experience of people who use the courts, and limits the range of life experiences that judges can draw upon. | 21/11/2011 | 13/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Fire and Rescue National Framework 2012 Onwards | The purpose of this consultation is to seek views and observations on the content of the new National Framework for 2012 onwards. Under section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) the Welsh Ministers must prepare and consult on a Fire and Rescue National Framework setting out priorities and objectives for Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs). This consultation provides a draft of the proposed Fire and Rescue National Framework for 2012 onwards (the draft Framework) (see Annex A). You are invited to comment on its content. | 29/11/2011 | 17/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Meeting the Housing Challenge: Building a consensus for action | Housing can have a large influence on people’s social and economic well being. So it is a key part of how we are tackling poverty and inequalities. We are committed to ensuring everyone has access to a decent home. But there are some big challenges facing us and they are not easy to solve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not enough homes because our population is increasing, people are living longer, and more people are | 08/12/2011 | 17/02/2012 |

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| | | <p>choosing to live alone;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many homes need improvement, particularly those rented from private landlords and some older; • Ensuring people get the services they need to find and keep their home, particularly those in very difficult personal circumstances or crisis situations at home; and • The impact that the rising cost of living and benefits changes are having on some people are cause for concern. | | |
| Welsh Government | The management of HIV infected health care workers | <p>This consultation seeks your views on the proposed changes to the current policy on HIV-infected healthcare workers.</p> <p>Recommendations were made following a review on the current national guidance on the management of healthcare workers infected with HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. The review was undertaken by a working group of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Advisory Group on AIDS; • UK Advisory Panel for Healthcare Workers Infected with Blood-borne Viruses and; • Advisory Group on Hepatitis. <p>We are seeking responses to these recommendations to help assess the working group's advice ensuring patients remain protected from the risk of HIV infection.</p> | 01/12/2011 | 23/02/2012 |
| Department for Work and Pensions | Support for mortgage interest - call for evidence | <p>This call for evidence sets out the Government's ideas on simplifying the help provided towards mortgage interest payments for working age and pensioner home owners, and considers potential future changes in line with Universal Credit principles, and fairness to taxpayers. It seeks responses to a number of questions and other comments that respondents may wish to make about the options in the document or other potential option</p> | 06/12/2011 | 27/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Proposed procedural changes for advertising road traffic regulation orders | <p>It is proposed, subject to the outcome of this consultation, to amend 3 sets of existing regulations to simplify the process for advertising Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), giving both Welsh Ministers and Welsh Local Traffic Authorities (WLTAs) greater flexibility for advertising such orders and removing the current statutory requirement to have to place public notices in newspapers.</p> | 07/12/2011 | 29/02/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Review of Shellfish Water Designations in Wales | <p>The Shellfish Waters Directive covers the quality of shellfish waters. It applies to those coastal and brackish waters (estuaries) which we believe need protection or improvement to support shellfish life and growth and contribute to the high quality of shellfish that we eat.</p> | 05/12/2011 | 02/03/2012 |

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| Food Standards Agency | The Food Hygiene (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 | The Food Standards Agency in Wales is seeking views on the current draft of the Food Hygiene (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, which is due to come into force in April 2012, noting in particular the 'ambulatory reference' and the health mark for meat from animals subject to 'emergency slaughter'. | 09/12/2011 | 02/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Revision of Planning Policy Wales Chapter 7 Supporting the Economy | <p>We are revising planning policy for economic development to make sure that it can deliver our aspirations for economic recovery in Wales.</p> <p>This work has been informed by a research report, Planning for Sustainable Economic Renewal. This report was written for us by Roger Tym and Partners in association with Asbri Planning.</p> <p>We also want your views on the structure of a new Technical Advice Note (TAN) which we will publish next year. A more detailed separate consultation will be undertaken on the TAN later in 2012. At this stage we simply want to know if you think the structure of the TAN is appropriate.</p> | 28/11/2011 | 05/03/2012 |
| Department for Work & Pensions | Bereavement Benefit for the 21st Century | This consultation document forms an integral part of this Government's review of bereavement benefits. We are seeking views on how these payments should support future working-age widows, widowers and widowed civil partners. Payments made under the War Pensions Scheme or Armed Forces Compensation Scheme will not be affected by this review. The review will not impact those already in receipt of bereavement benefits at the point at which a new scheme is introduced. | 12/12/2011 | 05/03/2012 |
| Ministry of Justice | Introducing fees in employment tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal | <p>This consultation is aimed at users of the employment tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the legal profession, the judiciary, the advice sector and all with an interest in this area in England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>Bringing a claim or an appeal to the employment tribunal or the Employment Appeal Tribunal is currently free of charge with the full cost of running the tribunals being met by the taxpayer.</p> <p>The aim of these proposals is reduce the taxpayer subsidy of these tribunals by transferring some of the cost to those who use the the service, while protecting access to justice for the most vulnerable.</p> <p>Views are welcomed on fee charging structures and two options are proposed in this consultation.</p> | 14/12/2011 | 06/03/2012 |

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| Welsh Government | Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill | <p>The Welsh Government is committed to preventing poor health and reducing health inequalities. As part of this, we plan to put forward a Bill which will introduce a statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.</p> <p>The Food Hygiene (Wales) Bill will make it compulsory for food businesses in Wales to display information on their hygiene standards (their food hygiene rating). A food businesses rating will have to be displayed in a prominent position that can easily be seen by customers. This will provide consumers with information about the hygiene practices of food businesses. The Scheme will also help consumers choose where to eat or shop for food.</p> | 14/12/2011 | 07/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Proposals to amend the requirements for registration of the education workforce in Wales | <p>To deliver this agenda the Minister wants to ensure that the education workforce works together as a single group of professionals to improve educational standards for the people of Wales.</p> <p>There are considerable differences between the requirements for professional standards, qualifications, initial training, performance management and continuing professional development across the different sectors of the education workforce. While some of these differences are entirely appropriate, reflecting real differences in sector requirements, others are more artificial, creating barriers to cooperation and mobility among the workforce. It also does not assure the public that all education professionals exhibit similar high standards of professional conduct and competence and so can undermine parity of esteem.</p> | 16/12/2011 | 30/03/2012 |
| Welsh Government | Website Customer Satisfaction Survey | <p>This is an information-gathering activity on behalf of the Welsh Government aimed at improving and developing our website to meet your needs and expectations.</p> <p>Things move fast on the web. Check out www.wales.gov.uk if you haven't done so recently. The answers you provide help us improve the site. The survey is anonymous and all the information you provide will be kept secure and totally confidential.</p> <p>The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.</p> | 02/12/2011 | |