



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**The National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations
2001**

Background

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (General Medical Services) Regulations 1992 to enable doctors to keep computerised medical records.

Doctors are to be able to keep records relating to their patients either on paper or on computer or both.

The use of computerised records will however be conditional upon the consent of the relevant health authority. Such consent will be given if the computer systems used meet specified criteria.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay attention.

General Observations

Typographical errors

- In accordance with the helpful paragraph layout adopted for footnote (a) on page 2, the reference to the transfer of functions to the Assembly should appear as a separate paragraph.
- The number 1 has been omitted from Regulation 1.

- Regulation 1(1) has inappropriate lettering “(a)”.
- In the Welsh text of Regulation 2 it is wrongly numbered 1.
- In the English text of Regulation 2 “(terms of Service)” is not consistent in its use of upper/lower case lettering. Lower case is used for both words in the Welsh text.

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