

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS

First Minister of Wales

8 November 2021

Dear Mark

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 19) Regulations 2021, The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 20) Regulations 2021, and Written Statement by the Welsh Government: Review of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restriction) (No.5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 – 29 October 2021

At our meeting on Monday of this week, we considered the above-mentioned Regulations and, in doing so, we reflected on some of the wording used in your written statement dated 29 October 2021, where “must” is used in relation to self-isolation for fully vaccinated persons.

In the written statement you say:

*“The self-isolation guidance will be changed. Fully vaccinated adults and children aged five to 17 must self-isolate if someone in their household has symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 until they have had a negative PCR test result.”*

However, neither the No. 19 or No. 20 Regulations make provision to require isolation as described in your written statement.

You will recall that our predecessor committee in the Fifth Senedd raised concerns regarding the language used by the Welsh Government to describe what is law and what is government advice. You will no doubt agree that it is important that Welsh citizens fully understand the law that applies to them, and that the potential for confused messages needs to be avoided.

I would be grateful to receive a response from you that clarifies the matters raised above at the earliest opportunity.



I am copying this letter to Eluned Morgan MS, the Minister for Health and Social Services.

Yours sincerely

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