

Government Response: The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Merit Scrutiny point 4:

Equality impacts are covered in the Summary Impact Assessments relating to changes in the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (the principal Regulations).

As part of the consideration of any tightening of protective measures via those Regulations, a Summary Impact Assessment (or SIA) is carried out. This will be a new SIA for circumstances when new measures are being introduced; where measures have been previously used this will be a review and potential update of an existing SIA.

SIAs are published as soon as possible but often this is some time after amending Regulations have been made, given timescales for quality assurance and publication of complex and substantial material in the context of the range of other work being undertaken to respond to the pandemic.

For any easing of protective measures, a new or updated assessment would only be published if the impacts are expected to be different from those previously identified. If the impacts are expected to be the same, the previously published impact assessment remains valid.

We consider that the relevant impact assessments specifically relating to restrictions on outdoor activity, which were published in 2021, remain relevant to these Regulations. These relevant assessments can be found at the links below:

[coronavirus-restrictions-review-14-may-2021-summary-impact-assessment.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)

[alert-levels-wales-guide-restrictions-summary-impact-assessment-august-2021](#)

We have initiated a review of the above impact assessment process and will take into account comments from the Committee.