

## **Government Response: The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022**

Merit Scrutiny point 4:

We confirm that the question of whether to consolidate the principal Regulations is being kept under review. The Committee will appreciate the need to strike a balance in this respect between the time and resource required to produce consolidated regulations with the necessity to make regulations at speed to react to changing circumstances, or to ensure the principal Regulations' continued proportionality. And as the Committee notes, we seek to aid accessibility by publishing a consolidated version of the principal Regulations bilingually on <https://gov.wales/health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no-5-wales-regulations-2020-amended>, usually within a few hours of new regulations being made.

We are grateful to the Committee for its suggestion that the explanatory material to amendment regulations could include additional explanations to aid the principal Regulations' accessibility. The proposals are very helpful and we will consider including them, and a link to the consolidated version we publish, in the explanatory material to any future amendment regulations.