



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Russell George MS
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
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18 January 2023

Dear Russell,

HEALTH SERVICE PROCUREMENT (WALES) BILL

I'm writing to advise that the Government will introduce a Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill to enable the introduction of a bespoke procurement regime which will apply to Welsh NHS health services. The short Bill, which runs to five sections, will make provision for:

- A "disapplication power" which will enable the Welsh Ministers to disapply relevant legislation by Senedd Cymru and the UK Parliament which otherwise would apply to the procurement of Welsh NHS health services; and
- A "creation power" to enable Welsh Ministers to introduce, via regulations, a new separate procurement regime for these NHS health services in Wales.

The Bill and potential subordinate legislation will seek to give organisations such as the NHS and local authorities in Wales the ability to implement more flexible procurement practices when sourcing health services in Wales. To enable subordinate legislation to be brought forward as quickly as possible, the Government will propose an expedited timetable for the Bill that will enable it to reach Stage 4 prior to the summer recess. Further detail regarding implementation will be provided in the Government's Business Committee paper.

Milestone	Date
Introduction	Monday 13 February 2023
End of Stage One	Friday 28 April 2023
General Principles Debate	Tuesday 9 May 2023
Stage Two	Wednesday 10 May 2023 – Friday 9 June 2023
Stage Three	Tuesday 4 July 2023
Stage Four	Tuesday 11 July 2023

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

To facilitate delivery of this Bill, I am happy to work flexibly with the Committee and would like to offer the Committee a technical briefing on the Bill with my officials to aid their understanding of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

Eluned Morgan AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services