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Dear Mike

Regulations to implement Part 4 and Schedule 3 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 dealing with the creation of a mandatory licensing scheme for practitioners, premises and vehicles associated with the performance of special procedures

Thank you for your letter of 17 October following the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's meeting of 14 October and its earlier scrutiny of the suite of Regulations laid before the Senedd by the Welsh Government relating to the implementation of Part 4 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 ('the 2017 Act').

I have noted the committee's reports following its scrutiny of these Regulations and the specific concern about the time taken to develop the secondary legislation required to implement the licensing scheme under Part 4 of the 2017 Act.

I note your comments in your letter of 17 October and regret the committee is not "convinced" about the reasons for the delay implementing this part of the Act. It is a fact implementation has been considerably delayed due to essential Brexit and Covid legislation taking precedence.

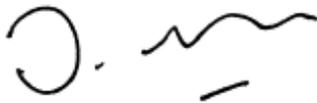
Officials have worked hard to produce this package of legislation, including considerable engagement with partners about the scheme's requirements during the formulation period, which commenced after the pandemic in 2022, through two periods of comprehensive consultation – on the scheme itself and the draft Regulations and related statutory guidance – during 2023 and 2024.

I look forward to the Plenary debate on 26 November.

I thank you for the copy of the letter you have sent to the Prif Weinidog, the contents of which are noted. As that letter sets out the same issues, I am copying this letter to her.

I am also copying this letter to the Health and Social Care Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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