

Vaughan Gething AM
Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Vaughan

**The National Health Service (Welsh Language in Primary Care Services)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

At its meeting on 20 May the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the above-named Regulations.

The Committee wishes to endorse the points raised by the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in its letter to you dated 10 May. We recognise that the timeframe for considering these Regulations complies with the “21 day” rule. However we support the concern that this has not allowed sufficient time for scrutiny on this occasion.

In addition, the Committee expressed concern that at the time of our meeting the Explanatory Memorandum attached to the Regulations was laid in English only. We are aware that the Welsh Government predominantly tables its Explanatory Memoranda in English only, in accordance with Standing Order 15.4, and we note that a Welsh language version of this Explanatory Memorandum has since been made available. However, we remain disappointed at the delay in its production and subsequently we would like to seek further clarification from you on the Welsh Government’s policy on translation of such documents.

Yours sincerely



Mick Antoniw AM
Chair



Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

cc. Bethan Sayed AM, Chair, Culture, Welsh Language and Communications
Committee
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