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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation)
(EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

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The law which is being amended

- Regulation (EU) No. 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020.
- Regulation 3 of The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 revokes Regulation (EU) No. 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (Text with EEA relevance). That Regulation establishes an EU programme on rights, equality and citizenship for the period 2014 to 2020, which aims to protect and promote specific rights and freedoms under EU law.

Policy Overview of the SI

The Regulation established an EU programme on rights, equality and citizenship for the period 2014 to 2020, which aims to protect and promote specific rights and freedoms under EU law.

The policy areas covered by the 2019 Regulations can be broadly broken down into:

1. Promote non–discrimination
2. Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance
3. Promote rights of persons with disabilities
4. Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming
5. Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne)
6. Promote the rights of the child

7. Ensure the highest level of data protection
8. Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship
9. Enforce consumer rights

Currently there is one funded project in Wales- 'Action against dating violence'

The purpose of the amendments

To revoke Regulation (EU) No. 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020

Any impact the SI may have on the Welsh Ministers' executive competence

The SI has a limited impact on the Welsh Ministers executive competence. The SI transfers functions from the EU Commission to the Secretary of State for Wales. There is only one project in Wales, and the funding arrangement put in place by the SI is for a limited period of time only. The SI will ensure that the funding of the project in Wales will be uninterrupted. It does not affect the Welsh Ministers powers set out in section 60 (Promotion of well-being) and 58A (Executive Ministerial Functions) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, which would enable them to establish a similar scheme in the future, if that became Welsh Government policy.

Any impact the SI may have on the legislative competence of the Assembly for Wales

The SI has no impact on the National Assembly for Wales' legislative competence.

The Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of amendments is available here: <https://beta.parliament.uk/work-packages/bqh5LDYF>

Why consent was given

There is no divergence between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the policy for the correction. Therefore, making separate SIs in Wales and England would lead to duplication, and unnecessary complication of the statute book. Consenting to a UK wide SI ensures that there is a single legislative framework across the UK which promotes clarity and accessibility during this period of change. In these exceptional circumstances, the Welsh Government considers it appropriate that the UK Government legislates on our behalf in this instance.

In this instance, the effect of the SI is for a limited period of time and will allow for continuity and efficiency of payment. When decisions need to be made about successor funds, Welsh Government will be fully involved in those conversations.