

Health and Social Services Committee

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Date: Wednesday 7 February 2007

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Secondary Legislation - Local Authority Adoption Services (Wales) Regulations 2007- Amendments and Points of Clarification Raised by Members.

Purpose

1. The Committee is scrutinising the Regulations in accordance with the protocol for dealing with secondary legislation agreed by the Committee on 11 June 2003 (Paper HSS(2) 01-03 (p2c)), whereby Members notify in advance any queries they have or amendments they wish to make.

Proposed Amendments

2. No amendments have been proposed.

Points of Clarification

3. Five points of clarification have been raised.

Jonathan Morgan AM:

i. As the Assembly already inspects Local Authority adoption services what will the new regulations achieve beyond that which is currently being done?

ii. What compliance issues and financial consequences have been assessed with regard to Regulation 15(1) which stipulates the requirement for local authorities to have a "sufficient number of suitably qualified, competent and experienced persons?"

Jenny Randerson AM:

iii. RE: Part 2 Managers. 10 (2) (b) (i) Consultation Responses indicated difficulties in requiring managers to have NVQ level 4 – what steps is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to ensure that training is provided to ensure that managers are enabled to achieve this qualification.

iv. The Regulatory appraisal says that there will be significant extra work ensuing from these regulations and the financial implications do not assess potential costs other than to the Assembly.

However the Regulatory Impact Assessment indicates potential costs associated with the provision of medical advisors. What assessment has been done of the costs of this?

v. Regulatory Impact Assessment – Are there plans to ensure that CRB checks are done for the Adoption Panel Members?

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