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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

## **The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007**

These Regulations are made under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 ("the 2002 Act") and the Care Standards Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act") and apply to Welsh local authorities. They replace the Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2005. They provide a regulatory framework for local authority adoption services. Chapter 6 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 provides for the inspection of local authority services by the National Assembly.

### **Standing Order 11.7**

The following points have been identified for reporting under Standing Order 11.7.

The definition of "adoption agency" refers to section 2(1) of the Children Act 1989, but there is no reference to adoption in that section, which deals with parental responsibility. [Standing Order 11.7 (v)]

In a number of cases, the single main paragraph in the English text has a paragraph number (1). This unnecessary if there is no second paragraph. The Welsh text is usually correct. Similarly regulation 7 (4) has a sub-paragraph (a), but no (b), so the (a) is unnecessary. [Standing Order 11.7(v)]

The reference to section 20 of the 2002 Act is expressed differently in the English text of regulation 6 (g) and the corresponding Welsh 6(e). [Standing Order 11.7(vi)]

One example of gender specific language remains – "him" in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2. [Standing Order 11.7(vii)]

References to sections 114 and 115 of the Police Act 1997 in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 are incorrect. Those provisions have been repealed and replaced. [Standing Order 11.7(v)]

These are all minor drafting or typographical errors appropriate for correction by means of a Memorandum of Corrections.

## **Observations**

A number of points relating to spelling, formatting and footnotes have also been drawn to the attention of the drafting lawyer for correction on publication.

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