

## **The Wales Centre for Health (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) Regulations 2004**

### **Regulatory appraisal**

#### **Purpose and intended effect**

1. The Wales Centre for Health ("the Centre") was set up in its shadow form on 1 June 2002. It exists as a discrete business unit within Velindre NHS Trust, operating under a Service Level Agreement between the Trust and the National Assembly for Wales.
2. The primary aim of the Centre will be to contribute to the enhancement of the public health service in Wales. It will play a pivotal role in liaising with relevant professions and organisations, establishing networks and bringing together multi-disciplinary advice and expertise.
3. The Health (Wales) Act 2003 ("the Act") provides for the Centre to be established as an Assembly Sponsored Public Body. It is the intention of the Welsh Assembly Government to establish the Centre as an ASPB on 1 April 2005 when sections 2 and 3 of and Schedule 2 to the Act come fully into force. In the interim, in support of its functions, an Advisory Panel, chaired by the CMO has been appointed and will remain in place until the Centre's Board has been appointed.
4. The powers enabling these Regulations to be made are contained in paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to and regulation 8 of the Health (Wales) Act 2003 ("the Act") which came into force for the purposes of making regulations on 20 October 2003 in accordance with the Health (Wales) Act 2003 (Commencement No.1) Order 2003 (S.I.2003/2660).

#### **Risk assessment**

5. The order does not address any risks or hazards.
6. The Health (Wales) Act 2003 provides for regulations to be made about the appointment of members and proceedings of the Centre. If regulations are not made, the statutory framework for the appointment and operation of the Centre will be incomplete.

#### **Benefits**

7. The Centre has been established to act as an independent body with responsibility for providing and disseminating information on the protection and improvement of public health in Wales. This will include surveillance, research and training and development.

## **Costs**

8. Costs associated with this instrument relate to the costs of board appointments. Funding for the Centre is contained within the Health and Social Services BEL. A copy of this submission has been posted to the FP mailbox for routine monitoring purposes in accordance with established procedures. The costs of establishing the Centre as an ASPB have already been incorporated into baselines.

## **Competition Assessment**

9. There are no competition issues associated with the making of these Regulations.

## **Consultation**

10. A consultation exercise on the membership and constitution of the membership of the Centre and the activities supporting the functions of the Centre was undertaken between December 2003 and March 2004. The establishment of the Centre and the proposals for appointment, membership and procedures were broadly welcomed by all key stakeholders. The regulations have been drafted to implement the policy intentions and have been informed by responses to this consultation.

## **Summary**

11. The primary aim of the Centre will be to contribute to the enhancement of the public health service in Wales.

12. The regulations provide the detailed framework for the Assembly to appoint a chair and members of the Centre whom it will hold accountable for the way the organisation performs.