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Committee

By email

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Dear Chair,

Subject: Scrutiny of Welsh Government regulations and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty: Standing order 21.3C (iv)

We write further to our letter to you of 3rd July 2020 and your positive response of 9th July 2021. We have been pleased to see that the Committee has since been considering whether Welsh Government has or has not complied with the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 when publishing subordinate legislation. In particular regulation 8 which requires that equality impact assessments are published with regulations.

However, we note that in the committee's report [SL\(5\)726](#) The Health Protection

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(Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 states with reference to Standing Order 21.3(ii) that “a Children’s Rights Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Assessments have been completed.” Although there are earlier equality impact assessments and a Children’s Rights Assessment dated 21st December 2020 published at <https://gov.wales/impact-assessments-coronavirus>, there are none in relation to these amendment regulations, or the regulations that they amend. We would ask that the Committee reconsiders and requests further clarification.

I am happy to discuss this matter further or to meet with you if you would find it helpful. My email address ruth.coombs@equalityhumanrights.com.

Yours sincerely,

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