PUBLIC HEALTH (WALES) BILL – STAGE 2 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

This table provides information about the amendments tabled in the name of Rebecca Evans AM on 6 March 2017. Further amendments for consideration at Stage 2 will be tabled by the Minister for Social Services and Public Health.

No.	GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT	GWELLIANT Y LLYWODRAETH	PURPOSE AND EFFECT
1.	Section 1, page 1, line 32, leave out '16' and insert '18'.	Adran 1, tudalen 1, Ilinell 34, hepgorer '16' a mewnosoder '18'.	The purpose of this amendment is to replace '16' with 18' in the overview section of the Bill.
			The effect of the amendment is to reflect the changes made by amendments 2 and 3 which provide that it will be an offence to perform or make arrangements to perform an intimate piercing on a person under the age of 18 in Wales, within the section providing an overview of the main provisions in the Bill.
2.	Section 92, page 54, line 31, leave out '16' and insert '18'.	Adran 92, tudalen 54, llinell 33, hepgorer '16' a mewnosoder '18'.	The purpose of this amendment is to replace '16' with 18' within section 92(1)(a) of the Bill.
			The effect of this amendment is that it will be an offence for a person in Wales to perform an intimate piercing on a person under the age of 18. A definition of what constitutes an intimate piercing for the purpose of this offence is provided at section 93 of the Bill.
3.	Section 92, page 54, line 33, leave out '16' and insert '18'.	Adran 92, tudalen 54, llinell 35, hepgorer '16' a mewnosoder '18'.	The purpose of this amendment is to replace '16' with '18' within section 92(1)(b) of the Bill.
			The effect of this amendment is that it will be an offence to make arrangements to perform an intimate piercing on a particular person under the age of 18 in Wales. A definition of what constitutes an intimate piercing for the purpose of this offence is provided at section 93 of the Bill.

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4.	Section 92, page 55, line 7, leave out '16' and insert '18'.	Adran 92, tudalen 55, llinell 7, hepgorer '16' a mewnosoder '18'.	The purpose of this amendment is to replace '16' with '18' within section 92(3)(a) of the Bill.
			Section 92(3) provides a defence for a person charged with an offence of performing or making arrangements to perform an intimate piercing on a child. There are two elements to this defence which both need to be satisfied. The effect of this amendment is that one element of this defence is met if the accused believed the person receiving the intimate piercing (or making arrangements to receive an intimate piercing) was aged 18 or over.
			The amendment should be read alongside amendment 5.
5.	Section 92, page 55, line 12, leave out '16' and insert '18'.	Adran 92, tudalen 55, Ilinell 12, hepgorer '16' a mewnosoder '18'.	The purpose of this amendment is to replace '16' with '18' within section 92(3)(b).
			Section 92(3) provides a defence for a person charged with an offence of performing or making arrangements to perform an intimate piercing on a child. There are two elements to this defence which both need to be satisfied. The effect of this amendment is that one element of the defence is met if the accused has taken reasonable steps to establish the person's age, or that nobody could reasonably have expected that the person was under the age of 18 from the person's appearance.
			The amendment should be read alongside amendment 4.