

Consultation Bulletin - week ending 27 January 2012

Newly received this week

Source	Title/link	Summary	Issue date	Deadline for Response
Welsh Government	Draft Guidance in support Statutory Recovery Targets set under Waste (Wales) Measure 2010	<p>The Guidance is prepared under section 7 of the Waste (Wales) Measure 2010. It supports the definitions in the Order and the monitoring regime set under regulations 4 and 5 of the Regulations. This Guidance will provide clarity on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the definitions of recycling, preparation for re-use and composting contained in the Order; and • the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in the Regulations. <p>We are also seeking your views on proposals to introduce legislation that will define the position on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the de-watering (the removal of water from) anaerobic digestion (AD) digestate (what is left after digestion) from facilities; and • how the recovery rates from AD, composting and the recycling of IBA and air pollution control residues (APCR) are calculated for facilities that take materials from multiple sources. 	23/01/2012	16/04/2012
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs	European Marine and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	<p>This consultation seeks your views on proposals on the European Commission's proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. The European Commission published their proposals for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) that will replace the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2020. The EMFF is structured around four pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart, Green Fisheries; intended to help address discards, support fisheries which are less damaging to the marine environment, support innovation value added, and build resilience to external factors; • Smart, Green Aquaculture; which aims to help aquaculture businesses achieve economic viability and competitiveness; • Sustainable Development of Fisheries Areas; targeted at reversing the decline of many coastal and inland communities dependent on fishing; and • Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP); which includes a number of cross cutting measures including maritime surveillance, data sharing, Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). The funding under this pillar will be held by the Commission and centrally distributed. 	25/01/2012	18/04/2012

Department for Work and Pensions	Draft Occupational Pension Schemes and Pension Protection Fund (Equality) (Amendment) Regulations 2012	<p>This consultation concerns amendments to the Equality Act 2010 and the Pensions Act 2004 to reflect development in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. These developments in European law mean that, where a pension scheme is equalising its benefits as between men and women, it has to assume a notional comparator where the inequality is a result of the Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) provisions in the Pension Schemes Act 1993.</p> <p>This consultation is particularly aimed at trustees and managers of contracted-out defined benefit schemes and their advisers.</p>	20/01/2012	12/04/2012
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Gambling Act 2005: Legislative Reform Orders	<p>The Government is seeking views of two proposals to use powers under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (LRRRA) to amend the Gambling Act 2005 by means of a Legislative Reform Order (LRO) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. remove restrictions on the employment of people under the age of 18 years at a track with a betting premises licence; ii. remove restrictions on the availability of entitlements to gaming machines at premises selling alcohol at airports. <p>These restrictions serve no regulatory purpose and have arisen purely as unintended consequences stemming from the implementation of the Gambling Act. In the case of tracks it is proposed to create an exemption for tracks to allow them to employ under-18s in non-gambling roles when betting might be taking place. In the case of premises selling alcohol at airports it is proposed to allow such premises to take advantage of the same gaming machine entitlements that are available to other alcohol licenced premises elsewhere in Great Britain.</p>	23/01/2012	16/04/2012

National Assembly for Wales	Do you want Wi-Fi internet in the Senedd?	The Assembly is investigating the demand for open Wi-Fi in all buildings in the Assembly Estate.		
Department for Work and Pensions	The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levies - Amendment) Regulations 2012 - consultation on draft regulations	The consultation seeks views on the enclosed draft of the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levies - Amendment) Regulations 2012, which would make changes to the rates of the general levy and the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) administration levy for 2012/13 onwards. The intention is that the regulations will come into force on 1 April 2012.	07/11/2011	30/01/2012

Welsh Government	Draft children's scheme	This consultation refers to a scheme which we are required to produce under the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.	07/11/2011	30/01/2012
Welsh Government	Updated qualifications regulations for school teachers in Wales	This consultation seeks views on proposals to introduce an updated replacement for the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (Wales) Regulations 2004. This is in order to make changes to some of the requirements for recognition as a qualified teacher in Wales. This would include some miscellaneous amendments and updating.	05/12/2011	30/01/2012
Welsh Government	Draft Construction and Demolition Sector Plan	This plan covers waste from construction, civil engineering and demolition projects. It aims to prevent and reduce waste and increase recycling from businesses in this sector. It will do this through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • influencing behaviour change; • encouraging better ways of working; • developing partnerships with the third sector; and • legislative controls. The aims will be addressed from design of products or buildings to demolition, recovery and disposal.	08/11/2011	31/01/2012
Welsh Government	Proposals for Legislation on organ and tissue donation: A Welsh Government White Paper	On 12 July 2011, the First Minister made a statement on the Legislative Programme for the Welsh Government. In that statement he announced that the Welsh Government will "... launch a white paper consultation on an Organ Donation (Wales) Bill before the end of this year. The Bill will provide for an opt-out system of organ donation, backed by a comprehensive communication programme." This White Paper consultation seeks responses on the Welsh Government's proposals for legislation on organ and tissue donation. The objective is to introduce a soft opt-out system in Wales which aims to increase the number of organ and tissue donors in Wales, allowing more lives to be saved and to improve the quality of life of others. Your responses will be considered in developing the Bill.	07/11/2011	31/01/2012

<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p>Cosmetic piercing of young people</p>	<p>The Welsh Government is committed to improving the health of people in Wales. This consultation meets a key action in the Programme for Government: 'consult on the need to introduce legislation to ensure parental consent for cosmetic piercing procedures carried out on young people'.</p> <p>We are thinking about introducing a new law which will cover the following key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need for a parent or guardian to give their permission (both in writing and through attendance at the piercing appointment) before a young person below a certain age can have a cosmetic piercing (we currently think this should be below 16). 2. A clear age restriction for intimate cosmetic piercings. 3. A standard set of questions which must be asked by the piercer before any cosmetic piercing can be done. 	<p>18/10/2011</p>	<p>31/01/2012</p>
<p>Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust</p>	<p>Partners in Healthcare Strategy 2012-2014</p>	<p>This strategy sets out our plans for improving public health through the provision of information and an approach to continuous engagement with the people of Wales. We recognise that through our work we can contribute to the improvement of individual's health through collaboration and partnership working. Our health information and web site developments provide health advice and information that can empower and educate individuals to take responsibility for maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) wants to place its users at the centre of its services, to make sure we are providing safe, high quality care and services.</p>	<p>01/11/2011</p>	<p>31/01/2012</p>
<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p>Employment-based Teacher Training in Wales</p>	<p>This consultation seeks views on proposals to introduce a revised Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme to take effect from 1 September 2013.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is consulting on proposals to introduce a revised Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme.</p> <p>This would be a replacement for the Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme 2011 (2011 No.32) ("the 2011 Scheme") and would introduce provisions allowing an additional training programme to run if required.</p>	<p>11/11/2011</p>	<p>31/01/2012</p>

Department for Business innovation & skills	Call for evidence - Collective Redundancy Consultation Rules	With this Call for Evidence we are keen to establish the advantages and disadvantages of the current rules on collective redundancy consultation. We want to find out what effect they have on business confidence and flexibility to respond effectively and appropriately to market opportunities and challenges. We want to understand the challenges for business in pursuing collective redundancy consultation - including the barriers to starting consultation and achieving agreement. We also want to explore the issues for employees - including the ability to engage meaningfully with their employer during a consultation and the ability to find and secure alternative employment or training, should that prove necessary.	23/11/2011	31/01/2012
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	Call for evidence - On EU proposals on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	This Call for Evidence seeks views from UK stakeholders on recent proposals from the European Commission on consumer alternative dispute resolution. In summary, the Commission argue that all EU consumers should be able to solve their problems without going to court, regardless of the kind of product or service that the contractual dispute is about and regardless of where they bought it in the European Single Market. In addition, for consumers shopping online and from another EU country, the Commission want to create an EU-wide single online platform which will allow contractual disputes to be solved entirely online and within 30 days. The proposals are likely to impact UK consumers, businesses and organisations that currently provide alternative dispute resolution services. Views are sought on the likely scale of these impacts. Views received will help form the UK's negotiating position.	21/12/2011	31/01/2012
Welsh Government	Collection and Publication of Fire Statistics	The purpose of this consultation is to seek users' views on proposals to change the data collections and statistical outputs. Your contributions will help us to understand the impact these changes could have on the individuals and organisations that use these statistics. The outcome of this consultation will inform our priorities for the years ahead. This is in line with the Official Statistics Code of Practice which states that effective user engagement is fundamental both to trust in statistics and securing maximum public value.	09/11/2011	01/02/2012
Welsh Government	Review of the exceptions to regulations regarding the maximum length of fishing boats in the 0-6nm zone.	The prohibition of fishing in certain areas of the 0-6nm zone using boats in excess of certain size limits is fundamental. This is required to help achieve the vision within the Wales Fisheries Strategy.	10/11/2011	02/02/2012

National Assembly for Wales - Legislation Office	Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill	The proposed Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill gives effect to the Welsh Government's proposals to simplify procedures for making and enforcing local authority byelaws. The Bill introduces an alternative procedure for local authorities to follow in making a number of byelaws. For these byelaws, the Bill requires authorities to consult locally before making a byelaw and removes the requirement for confirmation by the Welsh Ministers. The proposed Bill also provides an optional alternative, and more efficient, means of enforcement through fixed penalty notices. Finally, the Bill also recasts and consolidates existing byelaw provisions in sections 235 to 238 of the Local Government Act 1972. This is a step towards the development of a Welsh Statute Book and makes the key legislative provisions relating to making, confirming and enforcing byelaws in Wales accessible in a single enactment.	28/11/2011	02/02/2012
Welsh Government	Call for evidence: Ensuring the planning system delivers	As part of the evidence base for the Planning Bill due in 2013, an independent advisory group has been set up to review and consider the options on how to deliver the planning system in the future.	11/11/2011	03/02/2012
Welsh Government	Equality Act 2010: Duty on schools and Local Authorities to provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled children	<p>This consultation document seeks views on commencing the provision within the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The provision that places a duty on schools and local authorities to provide auxiliary aids as part of their duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled children.</p> <p>The Equality Act 2010 makes a Minister of the UK Government responsible for commencing the new auxiliary aids duty, making any regulations under section 22 of the Act and for undertaking any consultation regarding these matters in relation to Wales. The Welsh Ministers have agreed however to consult in relation to Wales on the UK Minister's behalf under section 83(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006.</p> <p>This consultation seeks responses on two issues. Firstly, the date by which the new duty should be brought into effect, including consideration of whether there are any reasons why the duty should not be commenced or should be commenced later than September 2012. Secondly, whether regulations under section 22 of the Equality Act 2010 would be necessary to define the duty on schools and local authorities to provide auxiliary aids.</p>	11/11/2011	03/02/2012

National Assembly for Wales - Children & Young People Committee	Inquiry into adoption	<p>The National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee is undertaking an inquiry into adoption and is keen to examine the experiences and voice of those directly affected by the adoption process.</p> <p>The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.</p> <p>Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format.</p>	09/02/2011	03/02/2012
National Assembly for Wales - Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee	Inquiry into the establishment of a separate Welsh jurisdiction	<p>Since the referendum result on 3 March 2011 gave the National Assembly extensive powers to make laws for Wales, the issue of whether Wales should become a separate legal jurisdiction has become a matter of public interest and discussion. In particular, the First Minister has indicated that he intends to initiate a public debate about whether a separate Welsh jurisdiction is needed.</p> <p>The Committee believes that these developments provide a good opportunity for the technical aspects of this question to be examined and has therefore agreed to conduct an inquiry.</p>	19/12/2011	03/02/2012
Commission on Devolution in Wales	Call for Evidence	<p>The Commission is interested in hearing the views of people across Wales on the future financial powers for the National Assembly for Wales. Issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What, if any, tax powers should be transferred to Wales? • What, if any, borrowing powers should be devolved to Wales? • How can the financial accountability and empowerment of the Welsh Government be improved? <p>These are just some of the important questions that the Commission on Devolution in Wales would like to hear your views on. To assist our work on Part I of our remit, we have issued a call for evidence and invited parties to submit their views to help inform our thinking by 3 February 2012.</p>	03/01/2012	03/02/2012
Home Office	Consultation on stalking	<p>The government has launched this consultation to ask for views on how we can protect victims of stalking more effectively. The consultation incorporates a number of issues, including current legislation, the effect of police information notices, search powers, the work of existing organisations and alternative measures to tackle stalking.</p>	14/11/2011	05/02/2012

Welsh Government	Consultation on draft guidance to water and sewerage undertakers and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), in relation to social tariffs	This consultation seeks views on draft Welsh Government social tariff guidance to undertakers (water and sewerage companies and water only companies) which operate wholly or mainly in Wales and Ofwat (the Water Services Regulation Authority).	14/11/2011	06/02/2012
Ministry of Justice	Fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal	<p>A consultation proposing changes to fees in the High Court and Court of Appeal Division.</p> <p>It is aimed at users of the High Court and Court of Appeal Civil Division, the legal profession, the judiciary, the advice sector and all with an interest in this area in England and Wales.</p> <p>The aim of these proposals is to charge users of these two jurisdictions more proportionally for the resource their cases consume, while protecting access to justice for the most vulnerable. This will reduce the taxpayer subsidy of the courts service.</p>	15/11/2011	07/02/2012
Food Standards Agency	Lifting of Post-Chernobyl Sheep Controls	The Food Standards Agency is seeking views on the proposal to remove all remaining controls on the movement of sheep from the restricted areas, based on the assessment that the risk to consumers from radioactivity in sheep resulting from the Chernobyl nuclear accident is now very low.	17/11/2011	08/02/2012
Welsh Government	New mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour	<p>The consultation paper proposes to introduce a new mandatory power of possession for anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>We welcome views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing a mandatory power of possession; and • The implementation of this power. 	18/11/2011	10/02/2012
General Medical Council	Help us review Good Medical Practice 2012	The General Medical Council is seeking your views on <i>Good Medical Practice - a draft for consultation</i> . This questionnaire is aimed at representatives of organisations but is open to anyone.	31/10/2011	10/02/2012

Welsh Government	Consultation on UK recovery and recycling targets for packaging waste for 2013-2017	<p>The Producer Responsibility Obligations Regulations on packaging waste came into force on 16 March 2007. This is a joint consultation on the new targets by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); • the Scottish Government; and • the Welsh Government. 	16/12/2011	10/02/2012
Ministry of Justice	Appointments and Diversity: A Judiciary for the 21st Century	<p>A consultation on proposed amendments to the statutory and regulatory frameworks for judicial appointments, together with improving judicial diversity.</p> <p>Although the principle of appointment on merit will remain, the changes will enable clear career progression and flexible working arrangements to encourage applications from previously untapped talent pools.</p> <p>The wide ranging consultation seeks views whether, when considering two candidates of equal ability, there could be a presumption in favour of selecting the person from an underrepresented group.</p> <p>Lack of diversity among judges has been shown to have a negative impact on the experience of people who use the courts, and limits the range of life experiences that judges can draw upon.</p>	21/11/2011	13/02/2012
Food Standards Agency	The Food Additives (Wales) (Amendment) and the Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2012	<p>To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on the provisions of the draft Food Additives (Wales) (Amendment) and the Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2012 and the associated EU legislation.</p>	15/12/2011	16/02/2012
Welsh Government	Fire and Rescue National Framework 2012 Onwards	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to seek views and observations on the content of the new National Framework for 2012 onwards.</p> <p>Under section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) the Welsh Ministers must prepare and consult on a Fire and Rescue National Framework setting out priorities and objectives for Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs).</p> <p>This consultation provides a draft of the proposed Fire and Rescue National Framework for 2012 onwards (the draft Framework) (see Annex A). You are invited to comment on its content.</p>	29/11/2011	17/02/2012
Welsh Government	Meeting the Housing Challenge: Building a consensus for action	<p>Housing can have a large influence on people’s social and economic well being. So it is a key part of how we are tackling poverty and inequalities.</p> <p>We are committed to ensuring everyone has access to a decent home. But there are some big challenges facing us and they are not easy to solve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not enough homes because our population is 	08/12/2011	17/02/2012

		<p>increasing, people are living longer, and more people are choosing to live alone;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many homes need improvement, particularly those rented from private landlords and some older; • Ensuring people get the services they need to find and keep their home, particularly those in very difficult personal circumstances or crisis situations at home; and • The impact that the rising cost of living and benefits changes are having on some people are cause for concern. 		
Welsh Government	The management of HIV infected health care workers	<p>This consultation seeks your views on the proposed changes to the current policy on HIV-infected healthcare workers.</p> <p>Recommendations were made following a review on the current national guidance on the management of healthcare workers infected with HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. The review was undertaken by a working group of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Advisory Group on AIDS; • UK Advisory Panel for Healthcare Workers Infected with Blood-borne Viruses and; • Advisory Group on Hepatitis. <p>We are seeking responses to these recommendations to help assess the working group's advice ensuring patients remain protected from the risk of HIV infection.</p>	01/12/2011	23/02/2012
Department for Work and Pensions	Support for mortgage interest - call for evidence	<p>This call for evidence sets out the Government's ideas on simplifying the help provided towards mortgage interest payments for working age and pensioner home owners, and considers potential future changes in line with Universal Credit principles, and fairness to taxpayers. It seeks responses to a number of questions and other comments that respondents may wish to make about the options in the document or other potential options</p>	06/12/2011	27/02/2012
Welsh Government	Proposed procedural changes for advertising road traffic regulation orders	<p>It is proposed, subject to the outcome of this consultation, to amend 3 sets of existing regulations to simplify the process for advertising Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), giving both Welsh Ministers and Welsh Local Traffic Authorities (WLTAs) greater flexibility for advertising such orders and removing the current statutory requirement to have to place public notices in newspapers.</p>	07/12/2011	29/02/2012

Welsh Government	Proposed Changes to Social Housing Sales Data Collections	<p>We want to know your views about our proposals for changes to the data items collected and published on social housing sales. The purpose of this consultation is to seek users' views on proposals for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the data items collected on social housing sales and to the accompanying definitions; • The use of publications on social housing sales. • <p>Your contributions will help us to understand the impact these changes could have on the individuals and organisations that use these statistics. The outcome of this consultation will inform our decision as to whether these changes can be implemented. This is in line with the Official Statistics Code of Practice which states that effective user engagement is fundamental both to trust in statistics and securing maximum public value.</p>	12/01/2012	01/03/2012
Welsh Government	Review of Shellfish Water Designations in Wales	<p>The Shellfish Waters Directive covers the quality of shellfish waters. It applies to those coastal and brackish waters (estuaries) which we believe need protection or improvement to support shellfish life and growth and contribute to the high quality of shellfish that we eat.</p>	05/12/2011	02/03/2012
Food Standards Agency	The Food Hygiene (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012	<p>The Food Standards Agency in Wales is seeking views on the current draft of the Food Hygiene (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, which is due to come into force in April 2012, noting in particular the 'ambulatory reference' and the health mark for meat from animals subject to 'emergency slaughter'.</p>	09/12/2011	02/03/2012
Welsh Government	Revision of Planning Policy Wales Chapter 7 Supporting the Economy	<p>We are revising planning policy for economic development to make sure that it can deliver our aspirations for economic recovery in Wales.</p> <p>This work has been informed by a research report, Planning for Sustainable Economic Renewal. This report was written for us by Roger Tym and Partners in association with Asbri Planning.</p> <p>We also want your views on the structure of a new Technical Advice Note (TAN) which we will publish next year. A more detailed separate consultation will be undertaken on the TAN later in 2012. At this stage we simply want to know if you think the structure of the TAN is appropriate.</p>	28/11/2011	05/03/2012

<p>Department for Work & Pensions</p>	<p>Bereavement Benefit for the 21st Century</p>	<p>This consultation document forms an integral part of this Government's review of bereavement benefits. We are seeking views on how these payments should support future working-age widows, widowers and widowed civil partners. Payments made under the War Pensions Scheme or Armed Forces Compensation Scheme will not be affected by this review. The review will not impact those already in receipt of bereavement benefits at the point at which a new scheme is introduced.</p>	<p>12/12/2011</p>	<p>05/03/2012</p>
<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p>Consultation on the draft document 'Together Against Cancer' a national Delivery Plan for the NHS up to 2016.</p> <p>The Wales Cancer Alliance will be responding to the consultation and would welcome comments on the plan from Network3 members. If you wish to share a response or comments with them, please email Clare Bath, Cancer Research UK, who is current lead for the Wales Cancer Alliance. Clare's email is: clare.bath@cancer.org.uk</p>	<p>This consultation is seeking comments and views from clinicians, NHS managers and service users.</p> <p>Cancer remains a top priority for Wales. Over the coming years, around 1 in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer before age 75 and around 4 in 10 at some stage during their lifetime. Cancer is a common diagnosis and the incidence is increasing.</p> <p>The draft Delivery Plan sets out the Welsh Government's vision for the population of Wales and what this means for NHS cancer services.</p>	<p>19/12/2011</p>	<p>05/03/2012</p>
<p>Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Introducing fees in employment tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal</p>	<p>This consultation is aimed at users of the employment tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the legal profession, the judiciary, the advice sector and all with an interest in this area in England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>Bringing a claim or an appeal to the employment tribunal or the Employment Appeal Tribunal is currently free of charge with the full cost of running the tribunals being met by the taxpayer.</p> <p>The aim of these proposals is reduce the taxpayer subsidy of these tribunals by transferring some of the cost to those who use the the service, while protecting access to justice for the most vulnerable.</p> <p>Views are welcomed on fee charging structures and two options are proposed in this consultation.</p>	<p>14/12/2011</p>	<p>06/03/2012</p>

Welsh Government	Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill	<p>The Welsh Government is committed to preventing poor health and reducing health inequalities. As part of this, we plan to put forward a Bill which will introduce a statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.</p> <p>The Food Hygiene (Wales) Bill will make it compulsory for food businesses in Wales to display information on their hygiene standards (their food hygiene rating). A food businesses rating will have to be displayed in a prominent position that can easily be seen by customers. This will provide consumers with information about the hygiene practices of food businesses. The Scheme will also help consumers choose where to eat or shop for food.</p>	14/12/2011	07/03/2012
Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission	Consultation on draft regulations: Child Support Management of Payments and Arrears (Write off and Part Payment in Full and Final Satisfaction) Amendment Regulations 2012	<p>The Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) gave the Commission a number of new arrears management powers to allow the Commission to manage efficiently the level of child maintenance arrears that have previously accumulated and are owed to the Child Support Agency (CSA).</p> <p>The Government proposes to take regulations to Parliament in spring 2012 to enable the introduction of these powers. These will set out in detail the manner in which the Commission may operate them. The latest draft versions of these regulations are included in the annexes at the end of this document.</p>	19/12/2011	12/03/2012
Welsh Government	Children and young people’s continuing care guidance	<p>It is designed for all those planning and providing children’s continuing care services in Local Health Boards, Local Authorities and their partners.</p> <p>It describes the process for putting in place continuing care packages for those children and young people whose needs cannot be met by existing universal or specialist services alone.</p>	20/12/2011	13/03/2012
Welsh Government	Draft Mental Health (Secondary Mental Health Services)(Wales) Order 2012	<p>This consultation seeks your views on a Draft Order.</p> <p>It provides further definition about what are to be considered Secondary Mental Health Services under the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010.</p> <p>This Order has the effect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excluding any service provided as part of a local primary mental health support service under Part 1 of the Measure from being considered as a secondary mental health service; and • enabling secondary mental health services provided elsewhere in the United Kingdom to be considered as secondary mental health services for Part 3 of the Measure in Wales. 	21/12/2011	14/03/2012

Welsh Government	Review of the Implementation of the Nitrates Directive in Wales	<p>The Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC) requires Member States to review their implementation of the Directive every four years.</p> <p>The EC Nitrates Directive is intended to reduce water pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources and is transposed in Wales under the Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Wales) Regulations 2008.</p>	23/12/2011	16/03/2012
Welsh Government	Consultation on the breeding of dogs	The Animal Welfare Act 2006 allows Welsh Ministers to replace the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 with appropriate Regulations.	20/12/2011	27/03/2012
Welsh Government	Proposals to amend the requirements for registration of the education workforce in Wales	<p>To deliver this agenda the Minister wants to ensure that the education workforce works together as a single group of professionals to improve educational standards for the people of Wales.</p> <p>There are considerable differences between the requirements for professional standards, qualifications, initial training, performance management and continuing professional development across the different sectors of the education workforce. While some of these differences are entirely appropriate, reflecting real differences in sector requirements, others are more artificial, creating barriers to cooperation and mobility among the workforce. It also does not assure the public that all education professionals exhibit similar high standards of professional conduct and competence and so can undermine parity of esteem.</p>	16/12/2011	30/03/2012
Welsh Government	Consultation on options to replace the Social Fund Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for Living Expenses	<p>This consultation document seeks views on replacing the Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for living expenses once the funding is devolved to the Welsh Government in April 2013.</p> <p>The Welfare Reform Bill that is currently before Parliament abolishes the discretionary Social Fund and paves the way for delivery of new local services to replace Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for general living expenses.</p> <p>From April 2013 the Social Fund is being devolved to local authorities in England, the Scottish Government and to the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government will receive funding equivalent to that which was spent on the Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans in Wales at the point at which responsibility is transferred.</p>	06/01/2012	30/03/2012

Welsh Government	Shared Purpose - Shared Delivery	<p>We are consulting on new statutory guidance which is intended to integrate local service planning, streamline partnership working, and strengthen the strategic role and accountability of the local service board.</p> <p>The Guidance is intended to replace existing statutory guidance deriving from a number of pieces of legislation: Community Strategies (Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009), Children and Young People's Plans (Children Act 2004, Children and Families Measure 2010), and Health Social Care and Well-being Strategies (NHS Wales act 2006).</p> <p>Community Safety planning is non-devolved (Crime and Disorder Act 1998) so the guidance is advisory only for Community Safety planning in Wales.</p>	10/01/2012	30/03/2012
Welsh Government	Fining policy of the Welsh Ministers	<p>The Welsh Government is consulting on proposals to introduce a fining policy as part of the powers of sanction that may be applied to awarding organisations which breach their conditions of recognition.</p>	09/01/2012	01/04/2012
Welsh Government	Protecting children in Wales arrangements for multi-agency child practice reviews - Draft guidance	<p>We are seeking your views on proposed new arrangements for Child Practice Reviews (CPR).</p> <p>The purpose of the new framework is to replace the present Serious Case Review system. As part of the new CPR framework, different types of reviews will be undertaken depending on the nature of the incident and the circumstances of the child involved.</p> <p>Two practitioner workshops have been organised to provide further details. The first is in Swansea on 20 January 2012 and the second in Conwy on 14 March 2012.</p>	09/01/2012	02/04/2012
Boundary Commission for Wales	The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales	<p>The Commission is now publishing their initial proposals for public consultation. Those proposals take careful account of developments since the last general review, in particular the fundamental change to the legislation. It is emphasised, however, that the proposals are all provisional. Great importance is attached to the opportunity now given for all concerned to make representations to the Commission, whether in support of or objecting to the proposals. The Commission have decided to publish initial proposals for the whole of Wales in a single document. Whereas in previous reviews it was possible to present proposals by reference to the 8 preserved counties of Wales, this is no longer possible. It has been necessary to conduct this review on an all-Wales basis. We encourage you to comment, whether in support of or objection to our initial proposals - we will consider all representations fairly and may revise the constituency boundaries as a result. You can have your say by writing in (either by emailing us</p>	11/01/2012	04/04/2012

		at bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to the Boundary Commission for Wales). During February and March 2012 we will hold a series of public hearings where the public will be able to give their views in person.		
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	Proposals to Align Nine Directives with the New Legislative Framework: Consultation	This consultation seeks your views on the European Commission's Proposals to align a package of nine Directives to the New Legislative Framework.	13/01/2012	06/04/2012
Food Standards Agency	The Materials and Articles in Contact With Food (Wales) Regulations 2012	The Food Standards Agency in Wales is seeking comments from industry, enforcement authorities, port health authorities, consumers and other interested stakeholders on the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Wales) Regulations 2012 and the associated draft impact assessment.	16/01/2012	09/04/2012
Welsh Government	Policy content of the Recognised Persons (Monetary Penalties) (Determination of Turnover) (Wales) Order 2012	The Welsh Government is consulting on proposals to make an Order which sets out how Welsh Ministers will determine the turnover of an awarding organisation for fining purposes.	16/01/2012	24/02/2012
Department for Work and Pensions	Personal Independence Payment: assessment thresholds and consultation	<p>This consultation is intended to seek views on the second draft of the assessment criteria for Personal Independence Payment and in particular on the changes that have been made since the first draft, the proposed descriptor weightings and entitlement thresholds and the draft regulations. At this stage in the development process we do not envisage making significant changes to the broad principles or scope of the assessment and so are not seeking views on these.</p> <p>The Department is keen to hear views from all interested parties but in particular from disabled people and disability organisations.</p>	16/01/2012	30/04/2012

<p>Welsh Government</p>	<p>Website Customer Satisfaction Survey</p>	<p>This is an information-gathering activity on behalf of the Welsh Government aimed at improving and developing our website to meet your needs and expectations.</p> <p>Things move fast on the web. Check out www.wales.gov.uk if you haven't done so recently. The answers you provide help us improve the site. The survey is anonymous and all the information you provide will be kept secure and totally confidential.</p> <p>The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.</p>	<p>02/12/2011</p>	
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