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## Changes to requirements on providers of certain regulated social care services

Amendments to the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017

- To revoke amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020; and
- To clarify the description of 'Category C' premises within regulation 49

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## Overview

This consultation seeks your views on a proposal to revoke the temporary coronavirus-related amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 to the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017. These relate to requirements on providers of care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, and of domiciliary support services for adults.

It also seeks your views on a proposed amendment to regulation 49 of the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017 to clarify the description of 'Category C' premises, used to describe those accommodation-based services to which additional requirements in respect of new premises apply.

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[The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)

[The Regulated Services \(Service Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#)

[The Regulated Services \(Service Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020](#)

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## Introduction

This consultation seeks your views on two proposals to make further amendments to the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup> ('the 2017 Regulations').

Firstly, to revoke the temporary coronavirus-related amendments made to requirements on providers of care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, or of domiciliary support services for adults, through the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020<sup>2</sup>. These aimed to support the provision of emergency social care for adults, where this was required as a result of the spread of coronavirus, and to simplify pre-employment checks required for new residential and domiciliary care workers, in situations where this information was hard to access.

Secondly, to clarify the description of 'Category C' premises within regulation 49 of the 2017 Regulations, to ensure that additional requirements in respect of new premises apply whether the premises were included within a previous provider's registration under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016<sup>3</sup> or whether they constituted relevant premises or establishments in respect of which a person had been registered under any relevant Act which previously provided such regulatory control and oversight.

This consultation will close at midnight on 18 July 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2017/1264 (W. 295) [The Regulated Services \(Service Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#)

<sup>2</sup> S.I. 2020/570 (W. 131) [The Regulated Services \(Service Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020](#)

<sup>3</sup> [The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)

## **Proposal 1: to revoke coronavirus-related amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

### **Background**

1. In spring 2020, working in partnership with Care Inspectorate Wales ('CIW'), the Welsh Government identified a small number of changes to regulations under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016<sup>3</sup> ('the 2016 Act') that could be made to support providers of regulated services in responding to and managing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. These related to care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, or to domiciliary support services for adults.
2. On 3 April 2020, officials wrote to members of the Covid-19 Social Care Planning and Response Group – including representatives from local government; social care providers; the voluntary sector; housing providers; Social Care Wales; the Older People's Commissioner for Wales and CIW – as well as Healthcare Inspectorate Wales; Directors of Social Services; and Chief Executives of Local Health Boards in Wales, to urgently seek their views on the proposed changes.
3. By 17 April 2020, 11 responses were received and were taken into account in preparing the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020<sup>2</sup> ('the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations'). These came into force on 5 June 2020. In accordance with section 27(5) of the 2016 Act, a consultation statement<sup>4</sup> was laid before the Senedd. Accompanying guidance<sup>5</sup> was issued to assist service providers and others to interpret the changes; explain how they could work in practice; and reinforce that all other requirements remained in effect.

### **Description of the amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

4. The Coronavirus Amendment Regulations amend the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup> ('the 2017 Regulations') in two ways. Firstly, by creating limited exceptions that are not to be treated as a regulated service. Secondly, by easing requirements on certain providers, in prescribed circumstances, in relation to information and

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<sup>4</sup> [The Regulated Services \(Service Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020 - Consultation Statement](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Welsh Government: Guidance for providers of social care services for adults during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

documents to be held about people working at the service and to the accommodation of adults in shared rooms.

*Exceptions created using section 2(3) of the 2016 Act*

**5. Regulation 4 of the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations (exception from the scope of care home services) amends Regulation 2 of the 2017 Regulations** to the effect that the provision of accommodation together with nursing or care, where the accommodation and nursing or care are provided to adults and the services are *needed as a result of the spread of coronavirus*, is not to be treated as a care home service for the purposes of the 2016 Act. This exception only applies where:

- the service is to be provided by a local authority or a Local Health Board, or
- the service is to be commissioned by a local authority or a Local Health Board and is provided either:
  - by a service provider already registered under the 2016 Act and who provides a care home service wholly or mainly to adults, or
  - by providers of care homes in England who are already registered with the Care Quality Commission.
- and the person intending to provide the service has notified the Welsh Ministers in advance (in practice, CIW, using a mandatory notification form).

**6. Likewise, Regulation 5 of the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations (exception from the scope of domiciliary support services) amends Regulation 3 of the 2017 Regulations** to the effect that the provision of care and support for adults, *where the care and support is needed as a result of the spread of coronavirus*, is not to be treated as a domiciliary support service for the purposes of the 2016 Act. Again, this exception only applies where:

- the service is to be provided by a local authority or a Local Health Board, or
- the service is to be commissioned by a local authority or a Local Health Board and is provided either:
  - by a service provider already registered under the 2016 Act and who provides a domiciliary support service for adults, or
  - by providers of domiciliary care agencies in England who are already registered with the Care Quality Commission.
- and the person intending to provide the service has notified the Welsh Ministers in advance (in practice, CIW, using a mandatory notification form).



7. These exceptions, which most consultees considered necessary and proportionate at the time they were made, were intended to streamline the establishment of these particular services – to be available when most needed, *as a result of the spread of coronavirus*: to add capacity within the system and reduce anticipated pressures on hospital, care home and domiciliary support services – whilst ensuring that appropriate safeguards were put in place. These safeguards were: ensuring that services would only be operated by providers who were already subject to regulation and inspection; would have the oversight of local authorities or Local Health Boards; and that prospective providers would supply CIW with sufficient information, in advance, to be assured about their governance, systems and understanding of the care and support to be provided.
8. In the event that CIW considered that a proposed service did not fall within one of the exceptions and therefore would require registration, it would notify the intending provider. Should the provider persist in operating the service, CIW would then consider enforcement action. Operating a regulated service without registration is an offence under section 5 of the 2016 Act, which could result in a fine or imprisonment for up to 2 years.

*Amendments to requirements on service providers under section 27(1) of the 2016 Act*

9. **Regulation 6 of the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations (fitness of staff) amends Regulation 35 of the 2017 Regulations** to the effect that where a service provider provides a care home service, wholly or mainly for adults, or a domiciliary support service to adults, the requirement within 35(2)(d) for a person – a prospective employee – to provide full and satisfactory information or documentation of certain matters is to be treated as having been met if:
  - the person cannot reasonably provide full and satisfactory information or documentation *as a result of the spread of coronavirus*; and
  - the person provides as full and satisfactory information or documentation as is reasonably practicable; and
  - the information or documentation provided is available at the service for inspection by CIW.

Those certain matters<sup>6</sup> are:

- two written references, including a reference from the last employer, if any;
- documentary evidence of any relevant qualification;

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<sup>6</sup> These are matters specified in [paragraphs 4, 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the 2017 Regulations](#) S.I. 2017/1264 (W. 295)

- a full employment history, together with a satisfactory written explanation of any gaps in employment; and
  - evidence of satisfactory linguistic ability for the purposes of providing care and support to those individuals for whom the worker is to provide care and support.
10. This was intended as a pragmatic and sensible approach, to accelerate the recruitment of staff in exceptional circumstances, recognising that it might not be reasonably practicable to obtain all of the information required, in the specified form, in pandemic conditions. However, any new staff must still provide information or documentation that *is* reasonably practical and this must be made available (in whatever form) at the service for inspection by CIW.
11. Statutory guidance published to accompany the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations<sup>6</sup> makes clear that providers must still satisfy themselves that a person they intend to employ is fit and proper for the role; should maintain records to show they have done all that is reasonably practicable to obtain the information required (for example, securing one written reference and keeping a written record of a telephone conversation with another previous employer); and that they have acted appropriately on information they do receive, however delayed the information might be. Providers are also required to undertake appropriate risk-assessments and put in place measures to mitigate any risks identified, as far as possible; with the safety and well-being of individuals using the services as priority.
- 12. Regulation 7 of the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations (shared rooms) amends Regulation 45 of the 2017 Regulations** to the effect that providers of care home services may apply to CIW to vary their registration in order to exceed 15% of the total number of adults accommodated by the service in shared rooms, where accommodation needs to be provided *as a result of the spread of coronavirus*.
13. This was intended to permit, on a temporary basis, the expansion of capacity in care homes for adults, where needed as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, by creating new shared bedrooms through the repurposing of currently unoccupied rooms or other unused space (provided these met standard requirements). Any providers intending to do so must apply to CIW for a variation to their maximum numbers, with decisions made by the service regulator on a case-by-case basis, with the best interest of all residents in mind. Existing statutory guidance for service providers states<sup>7</sup> that where sharing a room is under consideration, a discussion with the individuals concerned or their representatives, and the decision made, should be documented by the provider.

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<sup>7</sup> [Welsh Government: Statutory guidance for service providers and responsible individuals](#)

## Use of the amendments

14. As indicated above, all of the amendments built in safeguards or align with existing requirements to ensure some level of oversight from the Welsh Ministers (CIW in practice), as the service regulator. Any person intending to provide a service which may be exempt, by virtue of the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations, from registration as a care home service or domiciliary support service must first notify CIW, using a prescribed form. Providers of care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, or domiciliary support for adults, must make the information or documentation they have obtained in relation to people working at the service available for inspection. Any application to vary the maximum capacity of a care home for adults must be approved by CIW.
15. Since the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations came into force on 5 June 2020, CIW advise that:
- 12 notifications were made of the intention to provide accommodation and nursing or care for adults, related to Covid-19. Of these, some in fact did not proceed to provide the service and the majority of those that did were local authorities, providing a service to a small number of people at a time, often as a step-down/reablement placement following hospital discharge. Only one service remains operational and the provider has indicated their intention to register this as a care home service.
  - no notifications were made of the intention to provide (domiciliary) care and support for adults, specifically related to Covid-19.
  - only one relevant application was approved to vary the maximum capacity of a care home service.
16. Recent inspection work has highlighted no widespread reliance on the changes to requirements to make information and documents available in respect of people working at the service. Some providers report difficulties in recruiting, generally, but not in undertaking and documenting pre-employment checks.

## Rationale for change

17. As conveyed through *Together for a safer future: Wales' long-term Covid-19 transition from pandemic to endemic*<sup>8</sup> and the Social Care Transition Plan<sup>9</sup>, both published in March 2022, the Covid-19 situation in Wales has significantly improved since the 'emergency footing' seen at start of the pandemic, when the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations were made. High levels of vaccination;

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<sup>8</sup> [Welsh Government: Together for a safer future: Wales' long-term Covid-19 transition from pandemic to endemic](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Welsh Government: Social Care Transition Plan](#)

fewer hospitalisations and deaths; and improved infection prevention and control measures enabled the majority of legal protections/restrictions in Wales to be lifted at the end of March 2022, with focus now moving towards living alongside coronavirus, with appropriate guidance and effective practical safeguards in place.

18. Provision made within the Coronavirus Act 2020 to enable the temporary registration of social workers in emergency situations<sup>10</sup> and – unused – powers to disapply or modify DBS requirements<sup>11</sup> also expired at the end of March 2022.
19. In view of this current situation, and intelligence from CIW on the limited use of the easements, it is no longer considered proportionate for the amendments made by the Coronavirus Amendment Regulations – intended to support the provision of emergency social care for adults, needed as a result of the spread of coronavirus – to remain in place. It was anticipated they would be required for no longer than 9 months.
20. Whilst in the long-term coronavirus is expected to become endemic, we acknowledge that at present it remains prevalent and a serious threat, particularly if new, more harmful variants emerge or as immunity wanes. Should this happen and we see a return to public health protections and heightened alert level measures, we will consider – in consultation with stakeholders – whether any further legislative response is required to support providers of regulated services, to ensure the safe provision of care and support.

## **Proposal 1**

21. **It is proposed that the amendments made to the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017 by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 be revoked, with the exceptions and changes made by those amendments coming to an end on 31 October 2022.**
22. This will require a further set of regulations to remove the amendments made. Subject to the outcome of this consultation – your responses to the questions posed in the form below – we intend to prepare those regulations for laying before the Senedd in September 2022, with debate following in October 2022 and the regulations coming in to force on 1 November 2022.
23. **The effects of this will be that from 1 November 2022:**

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<sup>10</sup> [The Coronavirus Act 2020 - Schedule 5](#)

<sup>11</sup> [The Coronavirus Act 2020 - Section 33](#)

- There will be no exception from registration as a care home service for those providing accommodation together with nursing or care, for adults, where needed as a result of the spread of coronavirus.
- There will be no exception from registration as a domiciliary support service for those providing care and support, for adults, where needed as a result of the spread of coronavirus.
- Providers of care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, or domiciliary support services to adults, must obtain and make available at the service all of the information and documentation required in Schedule 1 to the 2017 Regulations.
- Service providers will not be able to apply to CIW to exceed 15% of the total number of adults accommodated by the service in shared rooms.

24. When the Coronavirus Amendments Regulations came into force in June 2020 and accompanying guidance issued, service providers were advised that on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, CIW would notify all relevant providers as to when the changes would be revoked. All providers of regulated services will be notified of our intention to revoke these amendments and invited to respond to this consultation. CIW will ensure those providers affected by the revocation of the amendments are kept informed as to the making of the subsequent regulations.

## **Proposal 2: to clarify the description of ‘Category C’ premises within regulation 49 of the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017**

### **Background**

25. Part 13 of the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup> (‘the 2017 Regulations’) sets out additional requirements about the physical standards of rooms and facilities for new accommodation-based services (including care home premises). These standards include minimum room sizes, minimum amounts of communal space and facilities within en-suite bathrooms. Regulation 49 – amended in 2019 to clarify ‘Category B’, as underlined below – prescribes the three categories of “new premises” to which the additional standards apply:

- **Category A:** The premises used for the provision of the service consist of a new building or an existing building which has been converted for the purpose of providing the service, and, in either case, the building has not previously been used for the purpose of providing an accommodation-based service.  
*i.e. a new build or converted premises*
- **Category B:** The premises consist of [a building or buildings to which an extension is added and the extension] is used for the purpose of providing the service at a place specified as a condition to the service provider’s registration. *i.e. an extension to existing premises*
- **Category C:** The premises consist of a building which was unoccupied immediately prior to the service provider’s registration but was previously used for the purpose of providing an accommodation-based service at a place specified as a condition to the registration of another service provider.  
*i.e. where premises formerly used for the provision of an accommodation-based service (by another provider) have been purchased for operation by the service provider.*

26. The purpose of Part 13 of the 2017 Regulations was to achieve improvement in the built estate over time but without destabilising the market. The additional requirements for new premises do not therefore apply to existing occupied services or in situations where service providers have temporarily vacated premises for the purpose of refurbishment.

27. The categories of new premises set out in regulation 49 were intended to encompass the breadth of premises which could potentially be used to provide accommodation-based services and to which the additional standards would apply. ‘Category C’ was intended to capture buildings which were not being used to provide a regulated service immediately prior to a service provider’s registration under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act

2016<sup>3</sup> (‘the 2016 Act’), but had previously been used for that purpose at some point in the past, by another provider. The intention was that this should apply whether the premises were included within a previous provider’s registration under the 2016 Act or they constituted relevant premises or establishments in respect of which a person had been registered under any relevant Act which previously provided such regulatory control and oversight.

28. We have been advised that the wording used in regulation 49 to describe ‘Category C’ has the unintended effect of excluding premises which are unoccupied at the point of registration, if their earlier period of use pre-dated the commencement of the relevant provisions of the 2016 Act in April 2018.
29. The result is that any dormant care homes, in respect of which a person had, for example, been registered under the Care Standards Act 2000<sup>12</sup> (or earlier legislation which that Act replaced) but have so far not been included within the registration of a service provider under the 2016 Act, do not have to comply with the additional premises requirements in Part 13 of the 2017 Regulations. This is an unintended consequence of the existing wording, which undermines the policy intention of achieving improvement in the quality of the built estate over time.

## **Rationale for change**

30. We intend to take the opportunity of this consultation (and making of regulations, using powers under section 27(1) of the 2016 Act) to include this additional proposal: that ‘Category C’ be amended to close this unintended gap. This will ensure clarity and certainty in regulation 49 of the 2017 Regulations, so the position is put beyond doubt: that ‘Category C’ premises are intended to include relevant premises and establishments in respect of which a person had been registered under any relevant Act which previously provided for regulatory control and oversight of accommodation-based services, thereby securing the original policy intention of achieving improvement in the quality of the built estate over time, without destabilising the market.

## **Proposal 2**

31. We will amend the description of ‘Category C’ premises currently contained in regulation 49 of the 2017 Regulations.
32. The amendment will give effect to the original policy intention, and to put beyond doubt, that ‘Category C’ premises are intended to include relevant premises and establishments in respect of which a person had been registered under any relevant Act which previously provided for regulatory control and oversight of accommodation-based services.

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<sup>12</sup> [The Care Standards Act 2000](#)

## Consultation Response Form

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**Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please place a tick in the box:**

### **Proposal 1: to revoke coronavirus-related amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**Question 1:** Do you agree that regulation 4 (exception from the scope of care home services) of the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 should be revoked on 31 October 2022?

**Agree**

**Tend to agree**

**Tend to disagree**

**Disagree**

If you disagree, please set out your reasons as to why it should not be revoked at this time:



**Question 2:** Do you agree that regulation 5 (exception from the scope of domiciliary support services) of the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 should be revoked on 31 October 2022?

**Agree**

**Tend to agree**

**Tend to disagree**

**Disagree**

If you disagree, please set out your reasons as to why it should not be revoked at this time:

**Question 3:** Do you agree that regulation 6 (fitness of staff) of the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 should be revoked on 31 October 2022?

(Regulation 6 applies to service providers who provide a care home services, wholly or mainly for adults, or domiciliary support services to adults)

**Agree**

**Tend to agree**

**Tend to disagree**

**Disagree**

If you disagree, please set out your reasons as to why it should not be revoked at this time:

**Question 4:** Do you agree that regulation 7 (shared rooms) of the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 should be revoked on 31 October 2022?

(Regulation 7 applies to the provision of accommodation for adults, in shared rooms)

**Agree**

**Tend to agree**

**Tend to disagree**

**Disagree**

If you disagree, please set out your reasons as to why it should not be revoked at this time:

**Question 5:** Do you think there will be any unintended consequences and/or financial implications of revoking any of the amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020?

**Agree**

**Tend to agree**

**Tend to disagree**

**Disagree**

If you agree, please explain these below:

**Question 6:** Do you think the revocation of any of the amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 will have any positive or any negative impacts on groups with protected characteristics?

Protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

- i. What effects do you think there would be and on which characteristics?
- ii. How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Please explain below:

**Question 7:** We would like to know your views on the effects that revoking any of the amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 would have on the Welsh language. Specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

- i. What effects do you think there would be?
- ii. How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated

Please explain below:

**Question 8:** Please also explain how you believe the proposal to revoke the amendments made by the Regulated Services (Service Provider and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

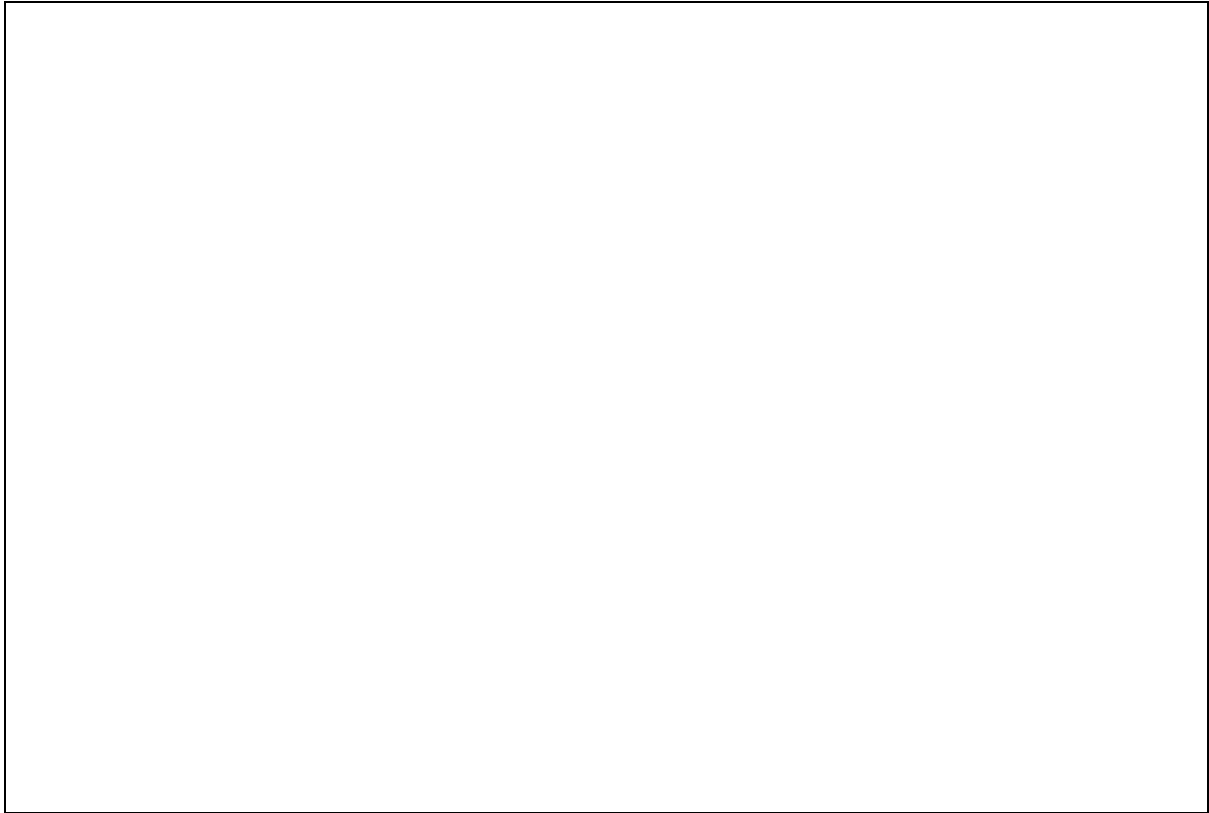
**Proposal 2: to clarify the description of Category C premises within regulation 49 of the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017**

**Question 9:** In paragraphs 25 – 32 of the consultation document we have set out our intention to clarify the description of ‘Category C’ premises within regulation 49 of the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017, and explained out our rationale for this.

Do you have any comments on this proposal or its potential impacts?

Please include any unintended consequences and/or financial implications; any positive or any negative impacts on groups with protected characteristics; and impacts on the Welsh Language.

**Question 10:** We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

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