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Amending the regulations to extend the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years

We would like your views on extending the term of office from 4 years to 7 years.

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Overview

Wales has four Commissioners who are appointed by the First Minister for Wales. They are supported through similar funding and governance arrangements. The Welsh Language Commissioner, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Future Generations Commissioner are all appointed on a fixed, non-extendable, 7-year term of office.

However, The Older People's Commissioner for Wales (OPCW) is appointed on a 4-year term of office. There is the possibility of a 2-year extension, but this needs to be agreed with the First Minister and those that represent the views of older people in Wales. Alternatively, the Commissioner may reapply under a competitive process.

For more information on the role of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales [please visit the Commissioner's website](#).

The OPCW is appointed in accordance with the following regulations:

- [The Commissioner for Older People in Wales \(Appointment\) Regulations 2007](#) as amended by:
- [The Commissioner for Older People in Wales \(Appointment\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016](#)

We propose that the term of office given to all Welsh Commissioners should be consistent at 7 years. This would allow all four Commissioners the same term of office and therefore the same opportunity to work with the groups of people that they represent and to champion change on their behalf.

To do this, we propose an amendment to the regulations to allow the First Minister to appoint the OPCW for a term of office of 7 years rather than the current term of 4 years. The opportunity to ask the First Minister for an extension

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of 2 years, or to reapply through a competitive process will also be withdrawn.

The next OPCW is to be appointed by August 2024. We would like to make these changes to the regulations so that the next OPCW can be appointed on a 7-year term of office.

How to respond

Please could you send your views on this consultation to the Older People and Carer's Team in Welsh Government at olderpeopleandcarers@gov.wales by 12 September 2023.

If you feel unable to provide a response by this date, please contact us as soon as possible.

There are several ways to respond:

- complete our [online form](#)
- download, complete our [consultation response form](#) and email it to: olderpeopleandcarers@gov.wales (please include the reference WG47762 in the subject of your email)
- download, complete our [consultation response form](#) and post to the address stated

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You should also be aware of our responsibilities under freedom of information legislation.

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