

**2019 No. 35**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PERSONS, WALES**

**SOCIAL CARE, WALES**

**The Adoption and Children Act  
2002 (Joint Adoption  
Arrangements) (Wales)  
(Amendment) Directions 2019**

*Made* 30 September 2019

*Coming into force* 1 October 2019

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3A(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002<sup>(1)</sup>, having consulted the local authorities in Wales to whose adoption services these Directions relate<sup>(2)</sup>, give the following Directions:

**Title, commencement, application and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Directions is the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2019.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1 October 2019.

(3) These Directions are given to local authorities in Wales.

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(1) 2002 c. 38. Section 3A was inserted by section 170 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 4).

(2) Section 3A(2) requires that the Welsh Ministers consult the local authorities to which the Directions will be given. Consultation for the proposal to reduce the existing time limit for requiring adoption agencies to refer to the Wales Adoption Register the details of prospective adopters once they are approved, and of children for whom a decision has been made that they should be placed for adoption was undertaken as part of the Welsh Government Consultation WG36071 (Regulations to introduce a two-stage approval process for adopters), which was issued on 3 October 2018.

(4) In these Directions, “the Principal Directions” means the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) Directions 2015(1).

### **Amendments to the Principal Directions**

2. The Principal Directions are amended as follows—

- (a) in paragraph 3(1), omit the definition of “registered adoption society” (*“cymdeithas fabwysiadu cofrestredig”*);
- (b) in paragraph 16—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), for “three months have” substitute “one month has”;
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3)(a), for “three months have” substitute “one month has”.

*Name*

Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, under authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

*Date*

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(1) The Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) Directions (2015 No.12) were signed on 12 March 2015 and can be found on the Welsh Government website at Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) Directions (2015 No.12) | GOV.WALES.