

Explanatory Memorandum to the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by Health and Social Services Group and is laid before Senedd Cymru in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 27.1.

Minister Declaration

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

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Minister for Health and Social Services

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PART 1

1. Description

1.1 The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (“the amendment Regulations”) amend the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2023 (“the 2023 Regulations”) to correct errors of a technical nature, or which are related to drafting convention. The amendment Regulations do not alter the policy or impact of the 2023 Regulations in any significant way or how it is applied in a given situation.

2. Matters of special interest to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

2.1 The Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee (LJCC) reported on the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2023 ([SL\(6\)380](#)) on 25 September 2023. In that report they noted a number of corrections that should be made to that Statutory Instrument. Welsh Government agreed to make those corrections and is doing so via these amendment Regulations.

2.2 These Regulations meet the criteria for the Free Issue Procedure and so will be issued free of charge to anyone who has purchased a hardcopy of the Kings Printer version of the principal regulations.

3. Legislative background

3.1 The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 will be made pursuant to the Welsh Ministers’ powers under sections 7(8), 41(3), (5) and (6), 43, 44, 47, 48(1) and (3), 54(6) and (7), 135 and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

3.2 These amendment Regulations are being made under the negative procedure.

4. Purpose and intended effect of the legislation

4.1 The effect of the amendment Regulations is to correct errors of a technical nature, or which are related to drafting convention in the 2023 Regulations.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultation has been undertaken on the amendment Regulations as the amendments being made do not alter or have any impact on the policy or how it is applied.

6. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)

6.1 An RIA has not been prepared for this instrument as the amendment Regulation makes technical amendments to update subordinate legislation and the amendments do not alter the policy (or its impact) in any significant way or how it is applied in a given situation. This is in line with the policy set out in the Welsh Ministers' code of practice for carrying out regulatory impact assessments for subordinate legislation.