

CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT >>>>>>>>>

Care Standards Act 2000 – Review of Regulations and National Minimum Standards (NMS) for Independent Healthcare

10th June 2010 –
9th September 2010

This consultation sets out a programme of reform of the current regulatory framework for independent healthcare in Wales.

The consultation runs for 13 weeks commencing on the 10th June 2010 ending on the 9th September 2010.

The standards were first published by the Welsh Assembly Government in 2002 and have not been amended since then.

Since the current NMS have been in place, health care practice and provision has continued to develop as a consequence of innovation, research and learning. This means that new service models are continually emerging and the revised standards are designed to:

- Reflect current healthcare practice; and
- Align to the new standards for the NHS in Wales.

The Private and Voluntary health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 have been in force for eight years. Although during that time they have been subject to various amendments, to ensure that the regulations remain relevant and are understandable by persons who use as well as provide services, we have made a new set of regulations which:

- Consolidate amendments made to date;
- Include new regulations; and
- Amend certain previous requirements.

This consultation sets out proposals to:

- Revise the current statements of national minimum standards (NMS) and align future standards with the standards for NHS services: Doing Well, Doing Better: Standards for Health Services in Wales;
- Review and consolidate amendments to the regulations by making new regulations;
- Remove certain independent healthcare services from regulation by Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW);
- Ensure clarity about certain regulations and how they apply to independent healthcare; and
- Update technical aspects, such as references to relevant legislation.

For further information and to download the consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/standards/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

independenthealthcareconsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

MORE CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT >>>>>>>>>

Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy Guidance 2010

20th July 2010 -
14th September 2010

Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategies focus on how Local Health Boards and Local Authorities can improve the health and wellbeing of their population. The consultation runs for 8 weeks commencing on the 20th July 2010 ending on the 14th September 2010.

The consultation is to ensure that the relationship between plans and strategies is clear. The Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy Guidance should be read in conjunction with the Children and Young People's Plans. When responding to these consultations please consider both documents.

Health, social care and wellbeing strategies and children and young people's plans are different statutory plans. Nevertheless the two are linked. Each local authority and each Local Health Board is under a statutory duty to jointly formulate and implement a health, social care and wellbeing strategy for the public in the local authority's area. Each local authority is under a statutory duty to publish a children and young people's plan (CYPP) setting out the authority's strategy for discharging its functions in relation to children and young persons.

Local bodies have long expressed a desire to see the arrangements for the two plans better aligned, consolidated into a single plan or merged with the Community Strategy. For the last round some common wording was included in the two sets of guidance but the requests for even closer alignment have persisted. The two present draft sets of guidance aim to move further towards alignment and comments are requested in this consultation on how far this has been achieved. It is therefore important that anyone who responds considers both documents and replies to the questions with that in mind.

Health Social Care and WellBeing Strategies Guidance

This guidance has been prepared to help local authorities and Local Health Boards meet their statutory duty under Section 40 of the National Health Service Wales Act 2006 to prepare a health, social care and wellbeing strategy for each local authority area.

Children And Young People's Plans Interim Guidance 2011-14

This guidance has been prepared under sections 25-28 of the Children Act 2004. This requires local authorities and key partners to cooperate across the range of functions to improve well-being. It also places local authorities under a statutory duty to prepare and publish CYP Plans.

This consultation seeks the views of those who will need to respond to the guidance, in particular whether the guidance is clear and helpful.

For further information and to download the consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/hscandwbstrategyandcypplan/?lang=en>.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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| 11 th Aug | <p>Tea Dance Wednesday 11th August 2010, 2pm – 4pm; Newport Indoor Market, High Street, Newport. Join us to dance to pre-recorded music or sit and enjoy the fun, all welcome. Take advantage of pensioners offers too! Shop for your 5-a-day fruit & veg, see stallholders for details.</p> | <p>For further information contact the Market Manager on (01633) 265069.</p> |
| 24 th August | <p>Memory Café: Alzheimer's Society Newport Branch A Memory Café is taking place on the 24th August 2010, 10.30am – 2pm at The Pavilion, Belle Vue Park. Worried about your memory or caring for someone who is confused and forgetful? The Memory Café may be able to help. Activities including dancing, arts and crafts, music, exercise and advice on health and nutrition.</p> | <p>For further details, please contact Carole at the Alzheimer's Society on (01633) 665110.</p> |
| 12 th Sept | <p>Memory Walk 2010 The Alzheimer's Society have organised the Newport Memory Walk 2010 on Sunday 12th September 2010, 2pm @ Beechwood Park. Choose between two walk lengths (less than 1 mile and 2 miles). The meeting point is at The Pavilion, Beechwood Park (Dogs are allowed).</p> | <p>For further information please visit www.memorywalk.org.uk or call (02920) 480593.</p> |
| 22 nd Sept | <p>Learning Disability Wales – Understanding People with Learning Disabilities Learning Disability Wales are organising a one day course to help you understand the lives and needs of people with learning disabilities. This course takes place between 9.30am – 4.30pm at: Port Talbot – 22nd September 2010. The course is designed for anyone playing a support or caring role for someone with learning disabilities.</p> | <p>For further information about costs or to receive a booking form, please contact: Inacia Rodrigues on (02920) 681160; or email: training@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk</p> |

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| 12 th Oct | <p>Mental Health Awareness Event On Tuesday 12th October, 9.30am – 2pm to coincide with World Mental Health Day a Mental Health Awareness Event is taking place at The Riverfront Theatre, Newport. The theme this year is ‘Get Moving – how we can improve our mental and physical wellbeing by participating in physical activity’. There will be talks, presentations, information, workshops, and much more....everybody is welcome!!!!</p> | <p>For further information please email Helen Scanlan on helen.scanlan@newport.gov.uk.</p> |
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HEALTH EVENTS CALENDER 2010

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| 1 st – 31 st Aug | <p>Road Peace National Road Victim Month</p> | <p>www.roadpeace.org</p> |
| 1 st – 7 th Aug | <p>World Health Organisation World Breastfeeding Week</p> | <p>www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org</p> |
| 12 th Aug | <p>United Nations International Youth Day</p> | <p>www.un.org/youth</p> |



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