

Aled Roberts

Welsh Language Commissioner

21 May 2019

Dear Aled,

**The National Health Service (Welsh Language in Primary Care Services)  
(Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

The Welsh Government laid the above [Regulations](#) on 9 May. They follow on from The Welsh Language Standards (No. 6) Regulations 2017 and The Welsh Language Standards (No. 7) Regulations 2018. In previous years, the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee has scrutinised and [reported](#) on both of these sets of Regulations.

It is our intention to do the same again this year with the above Regulations relating to primary care services.

We will be hearing from the relevant health professional bodies, the Welsh Government and Cymdeithas yr Iaith. Would you be able to attend our meeting during the morning of **6 June** to discuss the Regulations and their effect on Welsh-speakers accessing services from GPs, pharmacists, opticians and dentists?

I understand, from an exchange of correspondence with the Welsh Government, that the then Commissioner was consulted on the draft Regulations. We would like to hear more about the Commissioner's assessment of the balance between the capacity of primary care providers and the needs of Welsh-speaking patients during this consultation. I have attached the relevant correspondence.

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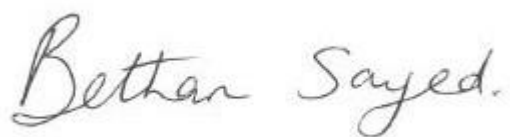
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I apologise for the tight deadline, please can you respond to this request as soon as possible by emailing the Committee Clerk, Martha Howells on [SeneddCWLC@assembly.wales](mailto:SeneddCWLC@assembly.wales) or telephoning 0300 200 6585?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethan Sayed." The signature is written in a dark ink and is centered on the page.

Bethan Sayed

**Chair of the Committee**