

Consultation Bulletin - week ending 27 November 2009

Source	Title/link	Summary	Issue date	Deadline for Response
Welsh Assembly Government	Collecting data on children educated otherwise than at school	This consultation document seeks views on draft Regulations to require the provision, by local authorities to the Welsh Assembly Government, of individual level data on children receiving funded education outside of the mainstream sector.	25/11/2009	18/12/2009
Welsh Assembly Government	National Transport Plan- Habitats Regulations Assessment	The Welsh Assembly Government wants your views on the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) associated with our proposals to create a more integrated and sustainable transport system for Wales.	25/11/2009	08/01/2010
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on draft practice guidance on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'	This consultation seeks your views on draft practice guidance drawn up by the Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group working with Assembly officials on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'.	20/11/2009	12/03/2010

Welsh Assembly Government	Health Statistics Wales 2009 - User Survey	The Welsh Assembly Government are reviewing this publication and asking for your help in by completing a short questionnaire. Further details and the survey can be found here .	30/09/09	30/11/09
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on the proposals to introduce regulatory fees for the independent healthcare sector in Wales	The consultation sets out proposals to make regulations to introduce fees for private independent healthcare providers who apply for registration to Healthcare Inspectorate Wales and those who are registered.	01/09/09	30/11/09

Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on the Fulfilled Lives Supportive Communities Commissioning Framework and Guidance	This consultation seeks your views on the Fulfilled Lives Supportive Communities Commissioning Framework and Guidance. WCVA will be preparing a briefing paper and a response to this consultation.	07/09/2009	30/11/2009
Welsh Language Board	Public consultation: 'Recruitment and the Welsh language'	When should the ability to speak Welsh be essential or desirable to do a job? The Welsh Language Board's consultation document, Recruitment and the Welsh Language, sets out to answer such questions. The consultation targets managers responsible for recruitment. It has been produced with the public sector in mind, but much of the contents is relevant to any employer who wishes to develop the bilingual skills of the workforce.	06/11/2009	03/12/2009
Office of the Third Sector	Consultation on the Consolidation of Charity Law	The draft Consolidation Bill brings together provisions of the main legislation on charities in England and Wales into a single piece of draft legislation. It would not introduce new policy. The aim of the draft Bill is to make the legislation simpler, better structured, and more accessible to the lay person. More information can be found here	11/09/09	04/12/09
Welsh Assembly Government	Statistics for Wales website customer satisfaction survey	What do you think of the Welsh Assembly Government website? This survey aims to help the Welsh Assembly Government improve the statistics area of their website. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.	09/11/2009	07/12/2009

<p>Welsh Affairs Committee</p>	<p>New Inquiry: Wales and Whitehall</p>	<p>The Welsh Affairs Committee's recent inquiries have uncovered problems relating to the understanding and observation of the devolution settlement within Whitehall, and poor consultation with Welsh stakeholders.</p> <p>The Welsh Affairs Committee has therefore decided to undertake a new inquiry into co-operation and consultation between Wales and Whitehall, which will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of the devolution settlement within the civil service and of the protocols which are in place in relation to legislation and policy affecting Wales; • The role of the Wales Office and the Ministry of Justice; • The extent of communication between Whitehall, the Welsh Assembly Government, the National Assembly for Wales and Welsh MPs; • The review of Whitehall guidance on devolution, announced by the Ministry of Justice in response to the Committee's report on the Legal Services Commission; • Taking forward the findings of the Justice Select Committee in its recent substantial report Devolution: A Decade On. <p>Public oral evidence sessions are expected to take place in January and February 2010.</p> <p>A guide for written submissions to Select Committees may be found on the parliamentary website at: http://www.parliament.uk/commons/selcom/witguide.htm</p> <p>If you have any enquires relating to this call for evidence please contact Rebecca Jones on 020 7219 5693 or e-mail: jonesbl@parliament.uk</p> <p>WCVA will be providing a response to this call for evidence. If you would like to feed any comments into the response please send them to Michelle Matheron (mmatheron@wcva.org.uk) by Friday 27 November.</p>	<p>23/10/09</p>	<p>07/12/09</p>
<p>Defra</p>	<p>Consultation on the UK implementation of the European FLEGT Regulation 2005</p>	<p>This Consultation seeks views on the implementation of a scheme for verification of the Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) licensed timber imports.</p> <p>FLEGT licensed shipments will arrive in the UK from countries which have signed a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union to establish the legality of their timber and timber product exports. The FLEGT Regulation 2005 establishes systems in the European Union to ensure that exports from VPA countries will be</p>	<p>17/09/09</p>	<p>10/12/09</p>

		<p>imported to the EU with a valid FLEGT license. The first countries to have signed a VPA are Ghana and the Republic of Congo.</p> <p>Clarity is now needed on how the requirements of the FLEGT Regulation should be implemented in the UK, particularly with regard to the following elements of the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delayed full cost recovery approach • Possible approaches to enforcement and setting penalties • A intelligence-led inspections regime • Possible approaches to dealing with seized timber <p>The consultation also states the UK's decision on the UK Competent Authority for the scheme, and provides an initial outcome process diagram to assist timber and timber importers in understanding the FLEGT licensing scheme.</p>		
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on the Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle and Sheep	The Welsh Assembly Government is writing to invite your comments on the enclosed draft Code of Recommendation for the welfare of Livestock: Cattle & Sheep.	30/10/09	11/12/09
Home Office	Consultation on transitional arrangements for changes to the regulation of lap dancing clubs and similar venues in England and Wales	<p>The Policing and Crime Bill, which is currently being scrutinised by Parliament, introduces a new category of sex establishment called 'sex encounter venue' that will allow local authorities in England and Wales to regulation lap dancing clubs and similar venues under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.</p> <p>These reforms will give local communities a greater say over the number and location of lap dancing clubs in their area.</p> <p>This consultation seeks your views on proposals for the transitional arrangements that will be set out in secondary legislation to be made by the Secretary of State in England and Welsh Ministers in Wales.</p> <p>Annex 1 shows how the transitional arrangements for existing operators would work under these proposals.</p>	17/09/09	14/12/09

<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>Protecting Welsh Seas - A draft strategy for marine protected areas in Wales</p>	<p>You are invited to comment on the draft strategy for Marine Protected Areas in Wales, 'Protecting Welsh Seas'. The strategy explains how we will use Marine Protected Areas to help protect and improve ecosystems in Welsh waters and fulfill international and legal obligations.</p> <p>Our vision</p> <p>Our vision for the marine environment in Wales is for it to be:</p> <p>Valued by all, understood and respected for what it contains and provides. Our seas will be clean, support vibrant economies and healthy and functioning ecosystems that are biologically diverse, productive and resilient, while being sensitively used and responsibly managed.</p> <p>We believe that coherent and well managed marine protected areas are key to delivering our vision.</p>	<p>16/09/09</p>	<p>16/12/09</p>
<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>Protecting Welsh Seas - A draft strategy for marine protected areas in Wales</p>	<p>You are invited to comment on the draft strategy for Marine Protected Areas in Wales, 'Protecting Welsh Seas'. The strategy explains how The Welsh Assembly Government will use Marine Protected Areas to help protect and improve ecosystems in Welsh waters and fulfil international and legal obligations.</p>	<p>16/09/09</p>	<p>16/12/09</p>
<p>Department for Children, Schools and Families</p>	<p>Revising the National Minimum Standards (NMS) for Adoption, Children's Homes and Fostering</p>	<p>This consultation forms part of a programme of work that dates back to the green paper Care Matters: Transforming the Lives of Children and Young People in Care, which proposed ways to improve outcomes for children in care. After consultation, the green paper was followed by a white paper, Care Matters: Time for Change, and a plan which set out how this would be implemented.</p> <p>The legislative framework to implement Care Matters was brought in by the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 which received Royal Assent in November 2008. The provisions of the Act are being commenced in stages during 2009 and 2010, as different regulations and guidance are developed, consulted on and published.</p> <p>Regulations made under the Care Standards Act 2000 are also to be revised and consulted on during 2009 and 2010, including the Fostering Services Regulations 2002 and the Children's Homes Regulations 2001.</p>	<p>24/09/09</p>	<p>17/12/09</p>

		The NMS for Children's homes and Fostering apply only to England but Adoption NMS apply to Wales.		
National Assembly for Wales - Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee	Wheelchair Services In Wales	The Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee has agreed to undertake an inquiry into wheelchair services in Wales and is calling for those with an interest or expertise in this area to submit written evidence.	12/11/2009	18/12/2009
Defra	Consultation on the Cave Review of competition and innovation in water markets	<p>This consultation paper provides an opportunity to comment on proposed new legislation to extend and enhance competition and innovation in the water and sewerage industries in England and to comment on the appropriateness of the recommendations in relation to Wales. The proposals are based on recommendation made by the Cave Review around reforming legislation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water supply licensing regime (i.e. the competition regime for large non-household customers); • The new appointments (or "insets") regime; and • The special merger regime for water companies. <p>The consultation document also considers the Cave Review's recommendations on reforming the water abstraction and discharge consent regimes and ways to increase innovative capacity in the water sector in England and Wales.</p>	17/09/09	18/12/09
Department of Justice	Debt management schemes	A consultation on a range of possible options for improving the way that many debtors deal with indebtedness. These options provide an opportunity for people to be able to repay their debts in a controlled and managed way.	18/09/09	18/12/09

<p>National Assembly for Wales - The Subordinate Legislation Committee</p>	<p>The Development of Schedule 5 of the Government of Wales Act and Exceptions to Matters</p>	<p>The Subordinate Legislation Committee is currently undertaking an Inquiry into the Developments in Schedule 5 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, including Exceptions to Matters and monitoring the outcome of the Committee's Reports on Statutory Instruments.</p> <p>WCVA will be providing a response to this call for evidence. If you would like to feed any comments into the response please send them to Michelle Matheron (mmatheron@wcva.org.uk) by Friday 11 December.</p>	<p>10/11/2009</p>	<p>30/12/2009</p>
<p>Department of Energy and Climate Change</p>	<p>Consultation on the proposed offshore carbon dioxide storage licensing regime</p>	<p>This consultation is asking for views on the Government's proposals for an offshore carbon dioxide licensing regime, based on powers given by the Energy Act 2008. The licensing regime is intended to ensure that there is a clear, fit-for-purpose regulatory framework to encourage investment in such storage developments. It forms part of the transposition into UK law of EU Directive 2009/31/EC on the geological storage of carbon dioxide.</p>	<p>25/09/09</p>	<p>30/12/09</p>
<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>Proposed changes to the dissemination of future editions of the "Schools in Wales: General Statistics" publication</p>	<p>We propose to change the way we disseminate this publication from 2010 onwards. None of the proposals mean that data are being removed.</p>	<p>29/10/09</p>	<p>31/12/09</p>
<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>Consultation on School Attendance Codes</p>	<p>A consultation on revising the current set of school attendance codes and guidance.</p>	<p>12/10/09</p>	<p>31/12/09</p>
<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>Fuel Poverty Strategy</p>	<p>This consultation summarises progress against our fuel poverty objectives. It will inform an update to the Strategy on actions being taken to address fuel poverty.</p>	<p>09/11/2009</p>	<p>04/01/2010</p>
<p>Welsh Assembly Government</p>	<p>A Road Less Travelled - A Draft Gypsy Traveller Strategy Consultation Document</p>	<p>The Welsh Assembly Government is consulting on the draft of its strategy to support Gypsy Travellers in Wales and improve their access to services.</p> <p>The draft strategy contains information and aims for future policy direction for several policy areas in relation to Gypsy Travellers including education, health, participation and advocacy, planning, accommodation and unauthorised encampments.</p>	<p>15/09/09</p>	<p>05/01/2010</p>

		<p>The aim of this strategy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realise our commitment to the Gypsy Traveller community • ensure equality of opportunity for Gypsies and Travellers in Wales • think about new ways in which we can enable Gypsy and Traveller communities to access resources not always available to them by ensuring our services are flexible enough to respond to the needs of Gypsies and Travellers. 		
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on draft environmental permitting guidance - exempt waste operations	This is a joint Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Welsh Assembly Government consultation. It invites your views on the structure and content of draft environmental permitting guidance for exempt waste operations.	15/10/09	06/01/10
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on Statutory Performance Indicators for local authorities in Wales from April 2010	This consultation is on a proposed new set of statutory indicators for local authorities to collect from April 2010.	13/11/2009	08/01/2010
National Assembly for Wales - Rural Development Sub-Committee	Inquiry into animal welfare and meat hygiene	<p>The Rural Development Sub-Committee is undertaking an inquiry into animal welfare and meat hygiene at abattoirs and slaughterhouses in Wales.</p> <p>The aim of the Committee's inquiry is to assess the effectiveness of current arrangements for ensuring animal welfare and meat hygiene standards in abattoirs and slaughterhouses, and what further action, if any, could be taken to ensure the proper implementation of the relevant legislation.</p> <p>The Committee is asking for evidence from as many people as possible connected with the industry. The evidence gathered from both written and oral submissions will be used to scrutinise and make recommendations to the Welsh Government next year.</p>	13/11/2009	08/01/2010

Defra	Consultation on amendments to legislation to allow lay vaccination of badgers against bovine tuberculosis	Consultation on proposed amendment to legislation to allow the vaccination of badgers against tuberculosis to be carried out by persons other than veterinary surgeons.	07/10/09	08/01/10
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on future plans for the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to help the Welsh Assembly Government form the work programme for WIMD from now until the next major update in 2013. The main areas of work that could be undertaken before 2013 are detailed in the consultation document which can be found here.</p> <p>The Statistical Directorate is holding two events to help explain the details set out in the consultation.</p> <p>They would like to capture the needs and comments of as many WIMD users as possible, so would like to invite you to attend an event, or to send a written response if you prefer.</p> <p>The all-day events will be held on 9 November in Llandudno Junction, and on 17 November in Swansea.</p> <p>Further details can be found here.</p>	30/09/09	08/01/10
Welsh Assembly Government	A consultation on proposals for Health Protection Regulations in Wales	This consultation seeks your views on draft regulations designed to protect public health from infectious disease or contamination by chemicals or radiation.	04/11/2009	13/01/2009
Welsh Assembly Government	Consultation on Review of licence fees payable under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 Part 2 (FEPA)	Your views are invited on proposals to introduce changes to Food and Environment Protection Act (FEPA) licence fees from February 2010. This consultation seeks stakeholders' views on the proposed new licence fee structure.	19/10/2009	14/01/2010
National Assembly for Wales - Communities and Culture Committee	Inquiry into Making the Most of Sporting Events	To examine the activities of the Welsh Government, its delivery bodies and other national organisations in relation to major sporting events.	11/2009	15/01/2010

Welsh Assembly Government	Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 Consultation on Related Statutory Guidance	This consultation is on the statutory guidance that Welsh Ministers can issue on Parts 1 and 2 of the Measure. WCVA will be providing a response to this call for evidence. If you would like to feed any comments into this response please send them to Fran Hughes (ffhughes@wcva.org.uk) by 31 December 2009.	28/10/09	15/01/09
Welsh Assembly Government	Local Authority Environmental Regulation of Industrial Plant: 2010/11 Risk Based Fees and Charges	This consultation is to determine the level of the fees local authorities charge for the Environmental Regulation of Industrial Plant for 2010/11.	02/11/2009	18/01/2010
Defra	Consultation on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive: Putting in place the legal framework for implementation	This is a joint consultation between Defra, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland. It invites your views on the draft regulations with which the Government and Devolved Administrations propose to transpose the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) (Directive 2008/56/EC).	30/10/2009	22/01/2009
Welsh Assembly Government	Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009: Consultation on Proposed Guidance for the Wales Programme for Improvement for the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales	This consultation is on the statutory guidance that Welsh Ministers can issue for Part 1 of the Measure in relation to Fire and Rescue Authorities.	02/11/2009	25/01/2010
Welsh Assembly Government	Employment-based Teacher Training in Wales	This consultation seeks views on proposed future arrangements for administering the Employment-based Teacher Training Scheme. It also seeks views of the terms of a revised Scheme to take effect from 1 September 2011.	16/11/2009	29/01/2010

Welsh Assembly Government	New Welsh Language strategy: have your say	<p>The Assembly Government is currently reviewing its Welsh Language strategy, 'Iaith Pawb', which was published in 2003.</p> <p>The review is needed because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there have been changes and developments since Iaith Pawb was published; and • it is also preparing a Welsh Medium Education Strategy and seeking legislative competence over the Welsh Language. <p>The Minister for Heritage has outlined a number of core principles for the strategy. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to focus effort and resources on activities that will make the biggest difference with regard to the use of Welsh; • the need to set and monitor realistic targets and be clear where responsibility lies for achieving each target; • the need for future policy development to be evidence-based. C <p>To view WCVA's briefing paper for this consultation, click here</p> <p>WCVA will be responding to this consultation. If you would like to feed any comments into the response please send them to Mirriam Nasrat (mnasrat@wcva.org.uk) by Friday 8 January 2010.</p>	15/10/09	29/01/09
Welsh Assembly Government	Quality Standards for Paediatric Audiology	Your views are sought regarding the draft documentation for the above Standards and an associated Quality Rating Tool (QRT).	01/11/2010	31/01/2009
Welsh Assembly Government	Paying for Care in Wales: Green Paper consultation on options for reform	This consultation seeks your views on the Paying for Care in Wales Green Paper on options for reform.	16/11/2009	28/02/2010

Food Standards Agency	Various	Guidance Notes on labelling fat spreads, including margarine and butter (Wales)	23/09/2009	03/12/2009
		Guidance Notes on legislation protecting dairy designations (Wales)	23/09/2009	03/12/2009
		Draft Statutory Instrument: The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten (Wales) Regulations 2009	24/11/2009	27/01/2010
		Proposals for Reducing the Administrative Burden of Regulation 5 of the Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 (as amended)	25/11/2009	03/03/2010