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TITLE	Consultation on the Welsh Language Standards (No.8) Regulations for healthcare regulators and the Professional Standards Authority
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Today I am pleased to be launching a [consultation](#) on the draft Welsh Language Standards (No.8) Regulations. These Regulations seek to set out Welsh Language Standards for the following nine bodies:

- General Chiropractic Council
- General Dental Council
- General Medical Council
- General Optical Council
- General Osteopathic Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Professional Standards Authority for Health
and Social care

This consultation has been scheduled for some time and I have decided to go ahead with it as planned. However I am very aware that all stakeholders are under considerable strain and are facing a period of uncertainty due to the current Coronavirus situation, none more so than health sector bodies. We will therefore review the closing date in due course to ensure that all stakeholders have a fair opportunity to give the consultation their full consideration.

These Standards, like others before, will make it clear which Welsh language services people can expect to receive from these bodies. They also set out clearly what these bodies need to do in terms of the Welsh language.

I very much look forward to hearing the views of stakeholders by the closing date currently stated as 15 June and will consider all points raised before moving forward to prepare the final Regulations for Senedd scrutiny.