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Dear Eluned

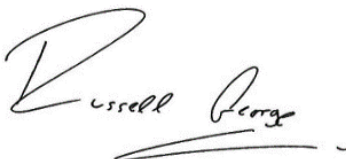
Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: health impact assessments

As you know, Part 6 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 makes provision requiring public bodies to carry out health impact assessments (HIAs). HIAs are defined by the Act as “an assessment of the likely effect, both in the short term and in the long term, of a proposed action or decision on the physical and mental health of the people of Wales or of some of the people of Wales”. As such they can help to better understand the health and equity impacts of policy decisions.

Section 108 requires the Welsh Ministers to make regulations about the carrying out of HIAs by public bodies. It provides that such regulations must specify the circumstances in which an HIA is to be carried out and how it is to be done.

Tackling health inequalities is a priority for the Committee, and we would welcome an update on the implementation of Part 6 of the Act, including when you anticipate bringing forward regulations under section 108.

Yours sincerely



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