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TITLE	Launch of the first tranche of consultations in relation to the implementation of Parts 2, 3, 4, 7 and 11 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
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Earlier this year Gwenda Thomas AM, then Deputy Minister for Social Services, issued a written statement announcing the Welsh Government's approach to implementing the subordinate legislation to be made under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

The first tranche of regulations, together with the related codes of practice and statutory guidance to be made under the Act, will be made available for a 12-week public consultation starting on 6 November this year and will cover the following sections of the Act:

- Population assessments under part 2 of the Act and partnership working under part 6
- Social enterprises, co-operatives, user led services and the third sector
- Assessments and eligibility
- Direct Payments
- Adult Protection and Support Orders
- National Independent Safeguarding Boards
- Local Safeguarding Boards
- Ordinary residence and disputes about ordinary residence

These policy areas are embodied within parts 2, 3, 4, 7 and 11 of the Act and are presented in four linked consultation packages. The four consultations can be accessed through the Welsh Government website:

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

Following completion of this extensive consultation and the post-consultation analysis it is my intention that these regulations will be laid before the National Assembly for Wales in May 2015.

A second tranche of regulations and codes of practice, principally in relation to parts 5, 6 and 9 of the Act will be made available for consultation from May 2015 with a view to being laid before the National Assembly for Wales late in 2015. I will be seeking to lay the codes of practice in relation to the first tranche at this time also, to enable them to be seen and agreed as a coherent package.

I will of course ensure Members are kept fully informed of the outcome of the consultation.