

National Assembly For Wales

Report by The Health and Social Services Committee on the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Financial Entitlements (Amendment No3 Directions) 2006 and Local Health Board (Childhood Immunisation Programme) Directions 2006

1. The Committee had identified these regulations for scrutiny and they were submitted to the Committee for the meeting on 13 Dec. 06. They were handled in accordance with the protocol for dealing with secondary legislation agreed by the Committee on 11 June 2003, whereby Members notify in advance any queries or amendments they wish to make to the Regulations.
2. Members did not propose any amendments, but Karen Sinclair raised points of clarification in relation to paragraph 2 of the Local Health Board (Childhood Immunisation Programme) Directions 2006. She asked whether 'reasonably possible' was sufficient in relation to the Local Health Board's efforts to ensuring that all children received their vaccinations, and whether it could lead to a variance in the arrangements put in place by differing LHBs.
3. In response the Minister said safeguards would be in place to monitor the update of vaccinations, including a monthly print out of all children due to be vaccinated, and the take up of the vaccinations. The names of any children who had defaulted on their vaccinations would automatically go back into the system, alerting the GP practice and health worker.
4. The Committee was content with the regulations as drafted.

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Chair
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