

National Assembly For Wales

Report By The Health and Social Services Committee on The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006

1. The Committee considered the above Regulations at its meeting on 28 September 2006. They were considered 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. No amendments or points of clarification had been raised in advance. However, the Minister responded as follows to queries raised by Members in the meeting:

- He confirmed that the regulations require care homes to inform potential complainants of the right to advocacy.
- The risk-based approach to inspection would ensure that inspection focussed on service areas where there were problems, with more surveillance of potential problems. The Care Standards Inspectorate would use self assessment as part of the process for identifying services needing inspection.

3. The Committee was content with the regulations as drafted.

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Chair
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