

National Assembly For Wales

Report By The Health and Social Services Committee on The Community Care, Services for Carers and Children's Services (Direct Payments) (Wales) Amendment Regulations 2006

The Committee considered the above Regulations at its meeting on 5 July 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 Order.

No amendments had been proposed, but two points of clarification had been raised by Helen Mary Jones.

i.) Will the Minister detail what promotional material will be available to accompany these regulations in order to increase awareness of the availability of direct payments?

The Minister responded that a number of agencies were engaged in promoting and providing advice on direct payments. The Welsh Assembly Government has made £800,000 available to support promotional work at local level.

ii.) What guidance will be set to ensure that literature for the public on availability of direct payments is available in different formats?

The Minister advised that local authorities should make material available in formats that meet the needs of the local community, such as Braille, large print and in minority ethnic languages. He said that in Cardiff literature was available in Somali, Urdu and Hindi.

The Committee was content with the regulations as drafted.

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Chair