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| **Consultation Response Form** | | | |
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| **PART 2:** **Regulated adoption service – prescribed services and exceptions** | | | |
| **Are ‘adoption support services’ as prescribed within regulation 3(1) clear and appropriate?** Please explain your answer within the box below. | | | |
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| **Are the proposed exceptions within regulation 4(1) appropriate?**  If you think there are further exemptions which should be made – such as for provision of adoption services that are purely incidental to the main purpose of the service provider (see page 12) – please explain these within the box below. | | | |
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| PART 3: General requirements on adoption service providers – regulated adoption services | | | |
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| Part 4: General requirements on adoption service providers – local authority adoption services | | | |
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| PART 5: General requirements on adoption service providers – regulated adoption service providers and local authority adoption service providers | | | |
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| PART 6: Policies, procedures and other standards – regulated adoption service providers and local authority adoption service providers | | | |
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| PART 9: Requirements on responsible individuals for ensuring effective management of the service | | | |
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| PART 10: Requirements on responsible individuals for ensuring effective oversight of the service | | | |
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| PART 11: Requirements on responsible individuals for ensuring compliance of the service | | | |
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| PART 12: Requirements on responsible individuals for monitoring, reviewing and improving the quality of the regulated service | | | |
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| PART 13: Other requirements on responsible individuals | | | |
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| PART 14: Offences | | | |
| **Is the approach taken in relation to offences within the draft Regulations (regulation 63 in relation to regulated adoption service providers and regulation 64 in respect of responsible individuals) sufficient and proportionate?** If not, please explain below. | | | |
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| **Penalty Notices (These are not provided for within the draft Regulations)** | | | |
| **Is the approach in relation to penalty notices, as illustrated at Annex A, sufficient and proportionate? Are the levels of penalty appropriate?** If not, please explain below. | | | |
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| PART 15: Service providers who are liquidated etc. or who have died | | | |
| **Are the requirements placed on appointed persons and personal representatives reasonable?** If not, please explain below. | | | |
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| PART 16: Regulations under section 21(5) of the Act – Designation of responsible individual by the Welsh Minsiters | | | |
| **Are the circumstances in which responsible individuals may be designated by the Welsh Ministers, rather than the service provider, sufficient and appropriate?** If not, please explain below. | | | |
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| PART 17: Requirements on the local authority adoption service manager | | | |
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| **Does the draft code of practice adequately support *local authority adoption service managers* in how they may comply with the requirements in this part?** If you think there is anything missing or unnecessary, please explain within the box below. | | | |
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| PART 18: Other requirements on the local authority adoption service provider | | | |
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| **INDEPENDENT REVIEW MECHANISM** | | | |
| **We would welcome your views on the future of independent reviews of determinations (IRDs) and the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM). In giving your views, please consider the following questions:**   1. Is there a continuing need for independent reviews of determination for adoption? 2. Would there be any disadvantages to removing the requirement for an independent review of determinations for adoption? 3. Should we retain the current arrangements for independent reviews supported by an IRM? Please give reasons for your answer. 4. Are there new or alternative arrangements which could be put in place for reviewing qualifying determinations for adoption? If so, what could those arrangements be? 5. What alternative arrangements could be put in place for adoption disclosure applications? 6. If you want to propose new or alternative arrangements, please be as specific as you can about how those arrangements might work in practice, and explain how any proposals would demonstrate transparency and independence, and promote adoption. | | | |
| Please comment: | | | |
| **Other Questions** | | | |
| |  | | --- | | The Welsh Government is interested in understanding whether the proposals in this consultation document will have an impact on groups with protected characteristics. Protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, and sexual orientation.  **Do you think that the proposals in this consultation will have any positive impacts on groups with protected characteristics?** If so, which and why/why not? | | Please explain: | | **Do you think that the proposals in this consultation will have any negative impacts on groups with protected characteristics?** If so, which and why/why not? | | Please explain: | | We would like to know your views on the effects that these proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on   1. opportunities for people to use Welsh and 2. treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.   **What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?** | | Please explain: | | **Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have:**   1. positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and 2. no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. | |  | | **We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to tell us about them** | |  | | | | |