The Proposed NHS Redress (Wales) Measure Committee

20 July 2007

Consultation – Proposed NHS Redress (Wales) Measure Committee

The Proposed NHS Redress (Wales) Measure Committee was established on 4 July 2007 to consider and report on the general principles of the proposed NHS Redress (Wales) Measure 2007.

In scrutinising the general principles, the Committee has agreed the scope of its pre-legislative scrutiny, working within the framework of the following three general questions:

1. Why is a Redress Scheme required?
2. Does the proposed Measure achieve the policy objective?
3. What are the views of stakeholders who will have to work with a redress system?

In addition to this, the Committee may wish to consider some more detailed questions, specifically:

4. What will be the practicalities of making the system work and does the proposed Measure make provision for these?
5. Is it appropriate that so much be done by regulations, i.e. the details of any scheme or schemes will be decided by Welsh Ministers?
6. The Measure relates to redress in relation to liability in tort, i.e. where some fault is established without recourse to the courts. Would it be better for the Assembly to seek the power from Westminster to introduce a ‘no-fault scheme’?
I am writing to invite you to submit evidence to the Committee based around the questions listed above. Some of these questions may not be relevant to your organisation, in which case you need not refer to them in your evidence.

Further information on the proposed Measure and the legislative process can be found at http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/buslegislation.htm

If you wish to contribute to the committee’s work, submissions should be sent, preferably by email or on disc, or otherwise in hard copy to: Siân Wilkins, Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Email: legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk. (Please title the email ‘Consultation NHSR Committee’.)

Submissions should arrive in the Assembly by Friday 14 September 2007. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

When putting together your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- Your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- The National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed by Assembly Members at Committee meetings. If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;
- Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual;
- Please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the autumn term.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk (on the number at the foot of the page) or Sarah Beasley, the Deputy Clerk (tel: 029 2089 8032).

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Chair