SL(5)593 – The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020

Procedure: Affirmative

These Regulations revoke and replace the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2013 as the Regulations which, in Wales, govern the provision of pharmaceutical services as part of the National Health Service.

The 2020 Regulations introduce the requirement for health boards to conduct pharmaceutical needs assessments and, as a consequence, also change the criteria for making applications by those persons wishing to provide NHS pharmaceutical services in Wales. A pharmaceutical needs assessment is a statement of the assessment a health board must make, at least every 5 years, of the needs in its area for pharmaceutical services provided as part of the NHS in Wales. The intended effect of introducing pharmaceutical needs assessments is to improve the planning and delivery of pharmaceutical services by ensuring the health boards robustly consider the pharmaceutical needs of their populations and align services more closely with them.

Parent Act: National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

Date Made: 24 August 2020

Date Laid: 06 August 2020

Coming into force date: Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2) and (3)
These Regulations make further amendments to the coronavirus restrictions in Wales.

These Regulations:

- specify that collecting contact information from people for the purpose of informing those who may have been exposed to coronavirus is a “reasonable measure” that may need to be taken by workplaces, business premises, places of worship etc. to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus;

- clarify that the maximum penalty for breach of the requirement to close premises after a premises closure notice has been issued is a fine (and not imprisonment).

**Parent Act:** Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984  
**Date Made:** 14 August 2020  
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