# WRITTEN STATEMENT

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# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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| **TITLE**  | **The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (No.2) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 – 23 April 2021 review** |
| **DATE**  | **23 April 2021** |
| **BY** | **Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government** |

Section 45C of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (‘the 1984 Act’) enables the Welsh Ministers, by regulations, to make provision for the purpose of preventing, protecting against, controlling or providing a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection or contamination in Wales.

As Minister for Housing and Local Government, and using the powers under section 45C of the 1984 Act, I made the Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (No.2) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (‘the Regulations’) to respond to the serious and imminent threat to public health which is posed by the incidence and spread of Covid-19. The Regulations came into force on 31 March and were due to expire at the end of the day on 30 June 2021, subject to review.

Regulation 3 of the 2021 Regulations requires that the Welsh Ministers must review the need for the restrictions and requirements imposed, and whether those restrictions are proportionate to what the Welsh Ministers seek to achieve by them:

(a) at least once in the period from 31 March 2021 to 23 April 2021; and

(b) at least once in each subsequent period of 21 days.

In accordance with that requirement, I have completed the first review of the Regulations and my decision is that the Regulations should remain in place; the next review will take place within the next 21 days, in accordance with the Regulations.