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| **TITLE** | **Extension of the consultation on charitable rates relief for private schools and hospitals in Wales** |
| **DATE** | **22 April 2020** |
| **BY** | **Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd** |

Today, I am extending the deadline for responses to our consultation on charitable rates relief for private schools and hospitals in Wales.

The consultation opened on 31 January and was due to end on 24 April. The Welsh Government recognises the significant pressures on key stakeholders as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and has decided to extend the deadline for this consultation until 29 May.

The consultation asks for views on whether there is a need to reform charitable rates relief for schools and hospitals. Our intention is to ensure that the support the Welsh Government provides through its rates relief schemes is targeted in a fair and consistent manner. While the consultation is focused on charitable relief for private schools and hospitals, we would also like to hear views on other approaches which might help to ensure that charitable relief is targeted effectively.

I look forward to seeing all contributions on this important matter.

The consultation is available at:

[https://gov.wales/charitable-rates-relief-schools-and-hospitals-wales](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fcharitable-rates-relief-schools-and-hospitals-wales&data=02%7C01%7CAlexander.Harding%40gov.wales%7C00ee09ceb99a45b7d53008d7a3e8ad43%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637158092040828993&sdata=qb0nR4QPQO8Wr6sLTDAJAez%2BKMd%2Fe0Srwg8RRwCh3qw%3D&reserved=0)