CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (WALES) MEASURE 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Part 2: Child Minding and Day Care for Children

Section 47: Penalty notices

108. Section 47 provides for the Welsh Ministers to impose fixed penalty notices on registered persons where they are satisfied that a person has committed a relevant offence. The Welsh Ministers have power to set out in regulations those offences which will be capable of being dealt with by a fixed penalty notice. The proposal to impose a penalty notice offers the registered person the opportunity of paying a penalty in respect of an identified breach and thereby discharging all criminal liability for the breach in question. Where a notice has been issued but not yet paid, proceedings may not be commenced for the offence to which the notice relates until such time as the period specified in the notice has expired. If the person pays the penalty in accordance with the notice, they cannot then be convicted of an offence to which the notice relates. Penalties are payable to the Welsh Ministers.