

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(2)

Policy making standards

PART 1

THE STANDARDS

1	Standards relating to considering the effects of a body’s policy decisions on the Welsh language
Standard 69:	When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the policy decision would have on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
Standard 70:	When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
Standard 71:	When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
Standard 72:	When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision, the document must consider, and seek views on, the effects (whether positive or adverse) that the policy decision under consideration would have on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
Standard 73:	When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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- Standard 74:** When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on—
- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- Standard 75:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers what effects, if any (and whether positive or adverse), the policy decision under consideration would have on—
- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- Standard 76:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would have positive effects, or so that it would have increased positive effects, on—
- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- Standard 77:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on—
- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- Standard 78:** You must publish a policy on providing a primary care service which requires you to take the following into account when you make decisions in relation to providing a primary care service—
- (a) what effects, if any (and whether positive or negative), the decision would have on—
 - (i) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language;
 - (b) how that decision could be taken or implemented so that it would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on—
 - (i) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
 - (ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language; and
 - (c) how the decision could be taken or implemented so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects on—

- (i) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
- (ii) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Standard 78A:

On the expiry of 5 years after publishing the policy in accordance with standard 78 (whether or not revisions have been made to that policy) and on the expiry of each subsequent period of 5 years you must —

- (a) assess to what extent you have complied with the policy; and
- (b) publish that assessment on your website within 6 months of the end of the period.

PART 2

STANDARDS THAT ARE RELIANT ON OTHER STANDARDS – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2	When a compliance notice requires a body to comply with one of the standards listed on a specific row in column 1 of Table 1, that compliance notice must also require that body to comply (in whatever way the Welsh Language Commissioner considers appropriate) with the standard or standards listed in column 2 of that row.
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TABLE 1

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Row</i>	<i>Main standard</i>	<i>Reliant standard</i>
(1)	Policy on a primary care service	
	Standard 78A	Standard 78

PART 3

INTERPRETING THE STANDARDS

3	In Part 1 of this Schedule a “policy decision” means any decision made by a body about the exercise of its functions or about the conduct of its business or other undertaking, and it includes, amongst other things (and as appropriate to the body), decisions about— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the exercise of statutory powers; (b) the content of policy statements; (c) strategies or strategic plans; (ch) internal structures and (d) the recruitment or use of volunteers.
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- 4 In Part 1 of this Schedule a reference to positive or adverse effects is a reference to such effects whether direct or indirect.
- 5 Standards 75 to 77 do not apply to the extent that the research commissioned or undertaken is or relates to medical research.
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