EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Qualifications) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/761 (W. 144) ("the 2019 Regulations") to correct minor drafting errors and to substitute references to "IP completion day" for "exit day".

They are also made in exercise of the powers conferred in sections 12 and 14 of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 4 to, the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) to implement and make additional transitional provision in the 2019 Regulations relating to—

- the EEA EFTA citizens' rights agreement signed at London on 2 April 2019 between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on arrangements regarding citizens' rights following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the EEA Agreement, and
- the Swiss citizens' rights agreement signed at Bern on 25 February 2019 between the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation on citizens' rights following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the free movement of persons agreement,

so far as those agreements relate to the mutual recognition of professional qualifications and the temporary and occasional provision of professional services.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.