

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT  
TEAMS (FAMILY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS) (WALES) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2011**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Directorate of Children's Social Services and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 24.1

**Minister's Declaration**

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Integrated Family Support Teams (Family Support Functions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

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Deputy Minister for Social Services

29 January 2011

## 1. Description

These regulations make technical changes to the principal regulations [the Integrated Family Support Teams (Prescribed Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2010)] to remove a drafting error identified by the Constitutional Affairs Committee under Standing Order 15.2(vi) at its meeting of 15 July 2010.

The regulations remove the inclusion of section 82 of the National Health Service Act 2006 within the list of local authority functions in relation to children (in Table 1 of the Schedule) which are designated as Family Support Functions for the purposes of section 58 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010.

These amendment regulations do not affect the operations of the Family Support Functions that Integrated Family Support Teams may carry out. Integrated Family Support Teams have been operating in the four pioneer areas of; Wrexham, Newport, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff since 1 September 2010.

The principal regulations [Integrated Family Support Teams (Prescribed Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2010] prescribe which of a local authority or a Local Health Board (LHB) functions are **family support functions** and which an IFST may therefore carry out. This is a comprehensive list of all the functions, whether of a local authority or a local health board, which an IFST might perform. A local authority and local health board will select from this list in deciding what functions will be exercised in the IFST which they establish. Functions prescribed as **family support functions** and assigned to an IFST will continue to be exercised by the local authority and LHB outside the team as well as being performed within the team. The range of functions is broad and contained within the list of powers currently in force under existing duties.

## 2. Matters of special interest to the Constitutional Affairs Committee

The Committee will wish to note the correction of an error identified and reported by them in **Report: CA(3)-20-10 : 15 July 2010**.

## 3. Legislative background

These regulations are made under Part 3 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010.

For the Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment for the four principle sets of Regulations see <http://www.assemblywales.org/sub-ld8108-em-e.pdf>

## 4. Purpose & intended effect of the legislation

To rectify a technical error, by removing section 82 from the list of prescribed functions in Table 1 of the Schedule to the principal 2010 regulations.

## **Implementation**

It is intended that these amendment regulations come into force on 1 March 2011.

## **5. Consultation**

None required. These regulations simply correct a technical error in the principle regulations.

Summary of responses to IFSS Consultation Doc – English:

<http://wales.gov.uk/dhss/publications/children/reports/strongerfamilies/reportfamilysupporte.doc?lang=en>

Summary of responses to IFSS Consultation Doc – Cymraeg:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/childreneyoungpeople/publications/reports/stongerfamilies/?skip=1&lang=c>

## **6. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)**

These amendment regulations are technical and there are no financial implications. For RIA to principal regulations see; <http://www.assemblywales.org/sub-ld8108-em-e.pdf>