



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ82128

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Dear Paul,

I am writing in response to WQ82128: Will the Minister explain why it is not clear if individuals can drive to a location to perform exercise in 'The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020', when the Welsh Government's website states that this is possible in limited circumstances?

The 'Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020' state that 'exercise must start and finish at the place where the person is living, or where a member of the person's extended household is living'.

An exception to this is 'where, for reasons of physical or mental illness or impairment, or a disability (within the meaning of section 6 of the Equality Act 2010), the person needs to exercise in another place'. Therefore, in these limited circumstances of illness impairment or disability, the regulations allow for exercise to take place 'in an area local to the place where the person is living'.

While the regulations do not stipulate how, in these limited circumstances, individuals will reach an alternative location, our guidance explains that driving is permitted. For example, some wheelchair users may not be able to exercise immediately outside their homes for practical access reasons and may need to drive to a suitable flat location.

Yours sincerely,

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