# Consultation Response Questionnaire

## Draft Regulations and Statutory Guidance for a mandatory licensing scheme for special procedures in Wales

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Please return this form to reach the Welsh Government no later than **8 April 2024**. The email address for responses or queries is:

**SpecialProceduresMailbox@gov.wales**

This form can be downloaded or the online response questionnaire accessed from the Welsh Government website here:

<https://www.gov.wales/mandatory-licensing-special-procedures-wales>

**We welcome responses in Welsh or English.**

**Please note:** this mandatory licensing scheme will be introduced on the terms set out in this document and the Regulations. We cannot therefore revisit the subject of the scheme itself or the proposals put forward in the first consultation document.

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|  | **Please give reasons for your answers when responding.** |
| **1 - The Special Procedure Licences (Wales) Regulations 202X** |
| **1a** | **Do you think these draft Regulations adequately set out how individuals are to be licensed?** |
|  | Answer: *Yes* |
| **1b** | **Is there anything unclear, missing that should be included, or included that should not be?** |
|  | Answer: *No* |
| **2 - The Special Procedures Approved Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations 202X** |
| **2a** | **Do you think these draft Regulations adequately set out how premises and vehicles are to be approved?** |
|  | Answer: *Yes* |
| **2b** | **Is there anything unclear, missing that should be included, or included that should not be?** |
|  | Answer: *No* |
| **3 - The Special Procedures Exempted Individuals (Wales) Regulations 202X** |
| **3a** | **Do you think these draft Regulations adequately set out how the specified individuals are to be exempt?** |
|  | Answer: *Yes* |
| **3b** | **Is there anything unclear, missing that should be included, or included that should not be?** |
|  | **Answer:** *Community pharmacies are independent contractors who provide services on behalf of the NHS. Community pharmacy premises are regulated by the General Pharmaceutical Society (GPhC) and not Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW). Thus, clarification as to the regulation of community pharmacy premises who may be performing special procedures is needed, together with the requirement (or not) to obtain a premises approval certificate where exempt practitioners (pharmacy professionals registered with the GPhC) will operate.* |
| **4 - The Special Procedure Licensing Committees (Wales) Regulations 202X** |
| **4a** | **Do you think these draft Regulations adequately set out how licensing committees are to operate for the purposes of this mandatory licensing scheme?** |
|  | Answer: *Yes* |
| **4b** | **Is there anything unclear, missing that should be included, or included that should not be?** |
|  | Answer: *No* |
| **5 - The Prescribed Objects for Body Piercing (Wales) Regulations 202X** |
| **5a** | **Do you think these draft Regulations provide an adequate definition of ‘object’ for the purposes of non-intimate body piercing within this licensing scheme?** |
|  | Answer: *Yes* |
| **5b** | **Is there anything unclear, missing that should be included, or included that should not be?** |
|  | ***No*** |
| **6 - Statutory Guidance** |
| **6a** | **Do you think the draft Statutory Guidance adequately explains how a local authority should determine a ‘person’s fitness to perform a special procedure’ for licensing purposes under the mandatory licensing scheme, where this has been called into question?** |
|  | Answer: *yes* |
| **6b** | **Is there anything unclear in the draft Statutory Guidance that should be explained further?** |
|  | Answer: *no* |
| **6c** | **Is there anything in relation to determining a ‘person’s fitness to perform a special procedure’ that is unclear or missing from the draft Statutory Guidance?** |
|  | Answer: *no* |
| **Statutory Questions** |
| **7** | **We would like to know your views on the effects that the mandatory licensing scheme for Special Procedures in Wales would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.** **What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?** |
|  | Answer: *It is vital that when a service is delivered and any subsequent procedure is performed, that service meets the individuals needs and respects their diversity. Services must be able to support Welsh language and culture and be able to communicate with people whose first language is Welsh.* |
| **8** | **Please also explain how you believe the proposed mandatory licensing scheme for Special Procedures in Wales could be formulated or changed so as to have** **• positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and****• no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.** |
|  | Answer: *The needs diversity and culture of individuals must be respected and wherever possible, services provided in the first language of that individual. This is essential to ensure individuals fully understand any service or procedure they are consenting to and invariably will improve overall experiences of such services.* |
| **9** | **We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.** |
|  | Answer: *No* |