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Subject: RE: Welsh language standards & IMTP

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I've run this past [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)] as well, and we are content with the lines as they are, except that the current Framework (issued to the NHS in October this year) is 2018/21, not 2017/20.

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In the past we have had discussions about the links between Welsh language standards and IMTP. We intend to lay the draft Regulations and Explanatory Memorandum making standards for health bodies next week.

A section has been included in the draft EM about the links between the Welsh language standards and the IMTP. Are you happy with this text? Apologies for the short timescale – a response by the end of tomorrow (Thursday) would be helpful.

[hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

Links with Integrated Medium Term Plans ('IMTP')

Under the arrangements set out in the NHS Wales Planning Framework and the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014 Health boards and NHS trusts are under a duty to prepare IMTPs. The plan should set out the actions organisations will take in pursuit of their long-term strategies, through measurable, clearly defined and resourced actions which address key areas of population health need, improve health outcomes and the quality of care, and ensure best value. The health boards and trusts are required to demonstrate within their IMTP 'that services are planned and delivered in line with the strategic framework for health and social care in Wales 'More than just words;' and the Welsh Government's response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Primary Care Inquiry Report'.

The NHS Planning Framework 2017/20 that provides guidance on what should be included in the IMTP recognises that the organisations will be required to comply with Welsh language standards in the future. This indicates an expectation that there will be shared aims between the IMTP and the standards. The draft standards in these Regulations are much more specific than the guidance on what should be included in the IMTP (which can be amended) and their implementation will be regulated by the Commissioner which will provide a stronger platform on which to build Welsh language services.

[hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]