EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Regulated Services (Annual Returns) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the Annual Returns Regulations") and the Regulated Services (Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the Registration Regulations").

Regulation 6 (other information) of the Annual Returns Regulations is amended to incorporate those service providers who are registered to provide an adoption service, a fostering service, an adult placement service or an advocacy service, to submit additional information, as specified within the Schedule, as part of their annual return.

Regulation 9A (time for submission of first annual returns) is inserted to specify the year the first set of annual returns is to be submitted by respective service providers.

The Schedule (information about staffing), paragraph 5 is amended to distinguish the categories of filled and vacant posts that are required to be contained in the annual return by respective service providers.

Schedule 1 (information required about the service to be provided) of the Registration Regulations is amended to incorporate those service providers who are registered to provide an adoption service, a fostering service, an adult placement service or an advocacy service.

Schedule 2 (information required to be contained in a statement of purpose) is amended to incorporate those service providers who are registered to provide an adoption service, a fostering service, an adult placement service or an advocacy service.

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.