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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 762**

**The Regulated Adoption Services (Service Providers  
and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

**PART 4**

**Requirements on service providers as to the steps  
to be taken before agreeing to provide support**

**Suitability of the service**

**12.**—(1) The service provider must not provide support for an individual unless the provider has determined that the service is suitable to meet the individual's need for support.

(2) The service provider must have in place a policy and procedures on commencement of the service.

(3) The determination under paragraph (1) must take into account—

- (a) any up to date plan;
- (b) any health or other relevant assessments;
- (c) the individual's views, wishes and feelings;
- (d) any risks to the individual's well-being;
- (e) any risks to the well-being of other individuals to whom support is provided;
- (f) the individual's religious persuasion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background, sexual orientation and gender identity;
- (g) any reasonable adjustments which the service provider could make to enable the individual's need for support to be met;
- (h) the service provider's policy and procedures on commencement of the service.

(4) In a case where the individual does not have a plan, the service provider must assess the individual's need for support.

(5) The assessment required by paragraph (4) must be carried out by a person who—

- (a) has the skills, knowledge and competence to carry out the assessment, and
- (b) has received training in the carrying out of assessments.

(6) In making the determination in paragraph (1), the service provider must involve the individual and any representative. But the service provider is not required to involve a representative if—

- (a) the individual is an adult or a child aged 16 or over and the individual does not wish the representative to be involved, or
- (b) involving the representative would not be consistent with the individual's well-being.

(7) In this regulation "plan" may include—

- (a) an adoption support plan,

- (b) a care and support plan, or
- (c) a placement plan.