

House of Commons Public Committee Amendments: Coronavirus Bill pages 14-18

“Statutory self-employment pay

- (1) The Secretary of State must, by regulations, introduce a scheme of Statutory Self-Employment Pay.
- (2) The scheme must make provision for payments to be made out of public funds to individuals who are
 - (a) self-employed, or
 - (b) freelancers.
- (3) The payments to be made in subsection (2) are to be set so that the net monthly earnings of an individual specified in subsection (2) do not fall below—
 - (i) 80 per cent of their monthly net earnings, averaged over the last three years, or
 - (ii) £2,917whichever is lower.
- (4) No payment to be made under subsection (2) shall exceed £2,917 per month.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of this amendment is to make the Government ‘top up’ self-employed workers’ earnings to the lower of 80% of their net monthly earnings averaged over three years, or £2,917 a month.

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NC14

Parliamentary Star To move the following Clause—

“Social care provisions

- (1) Within 10 days of the date on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a comprehensive report outlining how the Government will guarantee provisions for social care while this Act is in force.
- (2) The reports must make reference to but are not limited to—
 - (a) an outline of the funding available to social care providers, and
 - (b) any other provisions in place or to be introduced to ensure that social care standards are maintained to as high a level as possible.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an updated proposal in the same terms every three months from the date on which this Act is passed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause requires the Secretary of State to publish a comprehensive proposal outlining how the Government will guarantee provisions for social care while this Act is in force.

Secretary Matt Hancock Parliamentary Star

Schedule 7, page 92, line 39, after paragraph 10 insert—

“Constitution and proceedings of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales

10A(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if the President of the Mental Health Review

Tribunal for Wales (“the Tribunal”), or another member of the Tribunal appointed by the President for the purpose referred to in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act, considers that it is impractical or would involve undesirable delay for the Tribunal to be constituted, for the purposes of any proceedings or class or group of proceedings under the 1983 Act, by at least three members as provided for in that paragraph.

- (2) The President, or that other member, may instead appoint to constitute the Tribunal, for the purposes of those proceedings or that class or group of proceedings—
 - (a) one of the legal members of the Tribunal, or
 - (b) one of the legal members of the Tribunal and one other member who is not a legal member.
- (3) Where the Tribunal is constituted by one or two members under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b), section 65(3) has effect as if the reference to any three or more of its members were a reference to that one member or those two members (as the case may be).
- (4) Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act does not apply where the Tribunal is constituted by one or two members under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b). If the Tribunal is constituted by two members, the legal member is to be the chairman.
- (5) Where the Tribunal is constituted by a single member under sub-paragraph (2)(a), in rule 11(2) of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales Rules 2008 (S.I. 2008/2705) (“the 2008 Rules”), the reference to the chairman is to be read as a reference to that member.
- (6) Where the Tribunal is constituted under sub-paragraph (2) without a medical member, rule 20(1) and (2) of the 2008 Rules does not apply.

10B(1) The Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales Rules 2008 (“the 2008 Rules”) have effect subject to this paragraph.

- (2) The Tribunal may determine an application or reference without a hearing if it considers that—
 - (a) holding a hearing is impractical or would involve undesirable delay,
 - (b) having regard to the nature of the issues raised in the case, sufficient evidence is available to enable it to come to a decision without a hearing, and
 - (c) to dispense with a hearing would not be detrimental to the health of the patient.
- (3) The Tribunal must, as soon as reasonably practicable, give notice to each party of—
 - (a) its decision to dispense with a hearing under sub-paragraph (2), and
 - (b) the earliest time at which it might determine the application or reference in accordance with that sub-paragraph (which must be such as to afford the parties reasonable notice).
- (4) Where an application or reference is to be determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)

- (a) in rules 4, 15 and 20 of the 2008 Rules, references to a hearing (or its commencement) are to be read as references to the time notified under sub-paragraph (3)(b);
 - (b) in rule 24(1) and (2) of the 2008 Rules, references to the start of the hearing are to be read as references to the determination of the application or reference;
 - (c) in rule 28 of the 2008 Rules—
 - (i) paragraph (1) does not apply, and
 - (ii) in paragraph (3), references to the hearing are to be read as references to the determination of the application or reference.
- (5) The Tribunal may at any time reverse a decision to dispense with a hearing under sub-paragraph and if it does so it must give notice to each party and make such consequential directions as it considers appropriate.
- (6) Expressions used in this paragraph and in the 2008 Rules have the same meaning as in those Rules.
- 10C(1) If the President of the Tribunal is temporarily unable to discharge the functions of the office, the President of the Welsh Tribunals may from time to time nominate another legal member of the Tribunal to act as the temporary deputy of the President of the Tribunal for the purpose of discharging those functions generally or certain of them specifically.
- (2) While such an nomination remains in force, any reference to the President of the Tribunal in the 1983 Act or any other enactment or instrument is to be read accordingly.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment enables the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales to be exercised by a single member or a two-member panel, rather than a panel of at least three members; enables the Tribunal to deal with proceedings on paper rather than at a hearing in suitable cases; and enables the nomination of a temporary deputy if the President of the Tribunal is temporarily unable to act in the office.

Secretary Matt Hancock

16 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 7, page 93, line 11, after paragraph 13 insert—

- “14 Paragraph 10A(3) to (6) continues to apply after the end of a period for which it has effect in relation to proceedings that are, when the period ends, before a constitution of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales appointed under sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.
- 15 Paragraph 10B continues to apply after the end of a period for which it has effect in relation to any application or reference with respect to which, when the period ends, a decision to dispense with a hearing has been notified by them Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales under sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph and remains current.
- 16 Paragraph 10C continues to apply after the end of a period for which it has effect in relation to any nomination of a temporary deputy that is in force when the period ends.”

Member’s explanatory statement

Committee of the whole House: 23 March 2020

This amendment makes transitional provision in connection with Amendment 15.

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14 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 11, page 112, line 33, at end, insert—

“(d) the local authority has the necessary resources to meet those needs or can make funding available in advance or arrears to meet those needs.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would make the duty on a local authority to meet an adult’s needs for care and support conditional upon the local authority having available resources or the ability to access additional resources to fulfil that duty.

Secretary Matt Hancock

9 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 20, page 216, line 30, at end insert—

“(2A) A designation under sub-paragraph (2) may in particular be of a class or description of person.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment makes it clear that designations of public health officials for the purposes of the Schedule can be generic.

Secretary Matt Hancock

10 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 20, page 220, line 23, leave out “of the rank of senior immigration officer or above” and insert “not below the rank of chief immigration officer”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment corrects a reference to the rank of immigration officer who may approve an extension to the period for which a person is kept at a place for screening and assessment.

Secretary Matt Hancock

11 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 20, page 229, line 31, leave out “of the rank of senior immigration officer or above” and insert “not below the rank of chief immigration officer”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment corrects a reference to the rank of immigration officer who may approve an extension to the period for which a person is kept at a place for screening and assessment.

Committee of the whole House: 23 March 2020

Secretary Matt Hancock

12 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 20, page 238, line 43, leave out “of the rank of senior immigration officer or above” and insert “not below the rank of chief immigration officer”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment corrects a reference to the rank of immigration officer who may approve an extension to the period for which a person is kept at a place for screening and assessment.

Secretary Matt Hancock

13 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 20, page 248, line 12, leave out “of the rank of senior immigration officer or above” and insert “not below the rank of chief immigration officer”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment corrects a reference to the rank of immigration officer who may approve an extension to the period for which a person is kept at a place for screening and assessment.

Secretary Matt Hancock

5 Parliamentary Star

Schedule 25, page 301, line 36, after “17(1)” insert “or 61(1)”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment corrects an inadvertent omission by inserting, after the equivalent cross reference for persons in England, a cross reference to the right given to potentially infectious persons in Wales to appeal to a magistrates’ court against requirements or restrictions imposed under Schedule 20.

Secretary Matt Hancock

NS2 Parliamentary Star

To move the following Schedule—

“Emergency arrangements concerning medical practitioners: Wales

Temporary exception to rule requiring listing in order to perform primary medical services

17 (1) The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1020 (W.117)) have effect with the following modifications.

(2) The regulations have effect as if, after regulation 22, there were inserted—

“22A Temporary exception under the Coronavirus Act 2020

(1) A person who is registered in the GP Register by virtue of section 18A of the Medical Act 1983 (temporary registration with regard to emergencies) may perform primary medical services, despite not being included in the medical performers list of a Local Health Board, provided that—

- (a) the person has made an application to a Local Health Board for inclusion in the list under regulation 4 or 4A, and
 - (b) the person's application has not been—
 - (i) refused under regulation 6 or 24, or
 - (ii) deferred under regulation 7.
- (2) Regulation 9 applies to a person who performs primary medical services by virtue of this regulation as it applies to a performer included in a medical performers list.