

# THE LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES DIRECTIONS (WALES) 2011

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Coming into force 1 September 2011

The Welsh Ministers make the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(1) of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009<sup>1</sup>:-

## **Name, commencement and application**

1. (1) These Directions are called the Learner Support Services (Wales) Directions 2011 and they come into force on 1 September 2011.

(2) These Directions apply only to the governing bodies of maintained secondary schools in Wales and the governing bodies of institutions within the further education sector in Wales.

## **Interpretation**

2. In these Directions—

“the Measure” (“*y Mesur*”) means the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009;

“guidance given by the Welsh Ministers” (“*canllawiau a roddir gan Weinidogion Cymru*”) means guidance given by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to section 40(4)(b) of the Measure in the documents entitled “Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009: Learner support services” and “Learning Pathways 14-19” both available at [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk);

“relevant young persons” (“*pobl ifanc berthnasol*”) means:

- (a) so far as these Directions are given to a governing body of a maintained school, those pupils who have attained the age of 14 but who have not attained the age of 19 and who are registered at that school;
- (b) so far as these Directions are given to a governing body of an institution within the further education sector in Wales, those students who have attained the age of 14 but who have not attained the age of 19 and who receive the majority of their education at, or under arrangements made by the governing body of, that institution.

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<sup>1</sup> 2009 nawm 1.

## **Directions**

3. The Welsh Ministers direct the governing bodies of maintained secondary schools in Wales and the governing bodies of institutions within the further education sector in Wales—

- (a) to provide learner support services to relevant young persons;
- (b) to secure the provision of learner support services to relevant young persons;
- (c) to participate in the provision of learner support services to relevant young persons;
- (d) when providing learner support services, securing the provision of learner support services or participating in the provision of learner support services, to have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers; and
- (e) when making arrangements with other persons for the provision of learner support services, to require those persons to have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers.

## **Advice and information**

4. So far as these Directions relate to the provision of a service in the form of advice or information, any such advice and information to be given to relevant young persons:

- (a) must be presented in an impartial manner;
- (b) must be given by a person who considers that it will promote the best interests of the young person concerned; and
- (c) must not seek to promote, contrary to the young person's best interests, the interests or aspirations of any school, institution or other person.

Signed on behalf of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 4 February 2011