

2010 No. 10

**NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006**

**DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL
HEALTH BOARDS AND NHS
TRUSTS IN WALES 2010**

Made 10 March 2010

Coming into force 11 March 2010

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 12(3), 19(1), 174(10) and 203(9) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1) hereby give the following Directions—

Commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions come into force on 11 March 2010 and apply to every Local Health Board and NHS trust in Wales.

(2) These Directions apply in relation to Wales.

(3) In these Directions—

“the Principal Directions” (“y *Prif Gyfarwyddiadau*”) means the Directions to Local Health Boards and NHS trusts in Wales concerning Arrangements for the Funding of Technology Appraisal Guidance from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) dated 23 October 2003, as amended by the Directions to the Local Health Boards and NHS trusts in Wales dated 23 December 2003, 4 March 2004, 8 February 2005, 3 April 2006, 25 October 2006 and 19 March 2009.

(4) These Directions amend the Principal Directions.

Amendment of direction 3 of the Principal Directions

2.—(1) In paragraph 3(2) of the Principal Directions (Exempt Technology Appraisal Guidance), delete subparagraph (h).

(2) In paragraph 3 of the Principal Directions (Exempt Technology Appraisal Guidance) at the end of paragraph 3(1)(C) insert as paragraph 3(1)(D) the following:

“In respect of the Technology Appraisal Guidance (No. 164) on the use of febuxostat for the management of chronic hyperuricaemia in people with gout dated 17 December 2008, paragraph 2 of these Directions applies except that the words “a date not later than three months from the date of that Technology Appraisal Guidance” will be replaced by the words “11 June 2010”.”.

Signed

Date 10 March 2010

EDWINA HART AM
Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the
Welsh Ministers