2016 No. 7

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006

Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2016

Made - - - - 30 March 2016

Coming into force in accordance with direction 1(3)

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 45, 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1), and after consulting in accordance with section 45(4) of that Act with the bodies appearing to them to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate give the following Directions:

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2016.

- (2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards and apply in relation to Wales.
- (3) These Directions come into force on 1 April 2016.

Amendments to the Statement of Financial Entitlements

2. The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013(**2**) which came into force on 11 June 2013, as amended by the Directions listed in Annex J at Schedule 1 to these Directions, are further amended as follows.

Amendment of Section 2 – Global Sum Payments

3. Section 2 (Global Sum Payments) is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2.3, for the sentence beginning with "From 1 April 2015" substitute with "The resulting figure which is the contractor's Weighted Population for the quarter, is to be multiplied by £75.08".

Amendment of Section 3 – Minimum Practice Income Guarantee

4. Section 3 – (Minimum Practice Income Guarantee) is amended as follows:

(a) for paragraphs 3.35 to 3.42, substitute the following –

"3.35 In respect of the financial year which commenced on 1 April 2015, LHBs calculated the CFMP as follows.

⁽¹⁾ The National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c.42).

⁽²⁾ The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements 2013 (2013 No.8) as amended.

3.36 Paragraphs 3.5 to 3.17B did not apply.

3.37 Where a contractor was entitled to a CFMP in accordance with 3.17A and 3.17B for the period that commenced 1 April 2014 and ended 31 March 2015, the value of that CFMP was an amount referred to as A.

3.38 Where a contractor was entitled to a PSMP in accordance with paragraph 3.31, the value of that PSMP was an amount referred to as B.

3.39 The amount A less the amount B was an amount referred to as C. The amount C was divided by 7 to produce an amount D.

3.40 Accordingly, the CFMP for the financial year which commenced on 1 April 2015 and ended on 31 March 2016, each eligible contractor received a CFMP equal to the value of C less the value of D.

3.41 The calculation of CFMP for the financial years from 1 April 2016 up to and including 1 April 2020 is as follows -

- (a) On 1 April 2016 and ending 31 March 2017, each eligible contractor will receive a CFMP equal to the value of C less twice the value of D;
- (b) On 1 April 2017 and ending 31 March 2018, each eligible contractor will receive a CFMP equal to the value of C less three times the value of D;
- (c) On 1 April 2018 and ending 31 March 2019, each eligible contractor will receive a CFMP equal to the value of C less four times the value of D;
- (d) On 1 April 2019 and ending 31 March 2020, each eligible contractor will receive a CFMP equal to the value of C less five times the value of D;
- (e) On 1 April 2020 and ending 31 March 2021, each eligible contractor will receive a CFMP equal to the value of C less six times the value of D;

3.42 Where a contractor is entitled to a CFMP, the payments will fall due on the last day of each month.

3.43 Where the value of the CFMP payable to a contractor, as calculated in accordance with paragraphs 3.37 to 3.41, is equal to or less than £10.00, no CFMP will be paid to that contractor.

3.44 For the financial year 1 April 2021 and ending 31 March 2022, and subsequent financial years, no contractor will be entitled to a CFMP."

Amendment of Section 4 – General Provisions Relating to the Quality and Outcomes Framework

5. Section 4 (General Provisions Relating to the Quality and Outcomes Framework) is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 4.3, for "1st April 2015 – see paragraphs 4.7 to 4.20" substitute "1st April 2016 – see paragraphs 4.7 to 4.17".

Amendment of Section 5 – Aspiration Payments: Calculation, Payment Arrangements and Conditions of Payments

6. Section 5 (Aspiration Payments: Calculation, Payment Arrangements and Conditions of Payments) is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 5.13, for the figure "£160.40", substitute "£163.98".

Amendment of Section 6 – Achievement Payments: Calculation, Payment Arrangements and Conditions of Payments

7. Section 6 (Achievement Payments: Calculation, Payment Arrangements and Conditions of Payments) is amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraph 6.6(b), for the figure "£160.40", substitute "£163.98";
- (b) in paragraph 6.7, for the figure "£160.40", substitute "£163.98"; and
- (c) in paragraph 6.8, for the figure "£160.40", substitute "£163.98".

Amendment of Section 17 - Dispensing

8. Section 17 (Dispensing) is amended as follows:

(a) for paragraph 17.16 (a), substitute the following –

"(a) noted, counted and sent all the prescriptions in respect of drugs or appliances in respect of which it wishes to claim reimbursement to the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Primary Care Services, 4th Floor, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UB, not later than the 5th of the month following the month to which the prescriptions relate; and"

Amendment of Annex E – Calculation of the Additional Services Sub-Domain of the Public Health Domain Achievement Points

9. Annex E is amended as follows –

- (a) in paragraph E.5., for the figure "£154.83" substitute "£163.98"; and
- (b) in paragraph E.6., for the figure "£160.40" substitute "£163.98".

Amendment of Annex F – Adjusted Practice Disease Factor Calculations – Adjusted Practice Disease Factor

10. Annex F is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph F.4.1(c), for "1st April 2015 and ending on 31st March 2016 would receive £192.48 per point scored on the CHD indicators", substitute "1st April 2016 and ending on 31st March 2017 would receive £196.78 per point scored on the DM indicators.".

Amendment of Annex G – Dispensing Payments

11. Annex G is amended as follows:

- (a) in Part 2 of Annex G omit the first Table and the wording that states "To apply from 1 October 2015 up to and including 31 March 2016"; and
- (b) in Part 3 of Annex G omit the first Table and the wording that states "To apply from 1 October 2015 up to and including 31 March 2015".

Signed by Dr Grant L. Duncan, Deputy Director, Healthcare Policy Division under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

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Date: 30 March 2016

SCHEDULE 1

ANNEX J

Amendments to the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 which came into force on 11 June 2013

(a) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2013 (2013 No.60), which were made on 30 September 2013.

(b) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2014 (2014 No.3), which were made on 16 June 2014.

(c) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2014 (2014 No.17), which were made on 27 June 2014.

(d) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2014 (2014 No.24), which were made on 30 September 2014.

(e) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2015 (2015 No.7), which were made on 31 March 2015.

(f) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 2) Directions 2015 (2015 No.14), which were made on 01 April 2015.

(g) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 3) Directions 2015 (2015 No.15), which were made on 20 April 2015

(h) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 4) Directions 2015 (2015 No.19), which were made on 25 June 2015

(i) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.5) Directions 2015, which were made on 30 September 2015.