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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT (GWAED A THRAWSBLANIADAU'R GIG) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) DIRECTIONS 2015

Made

13 July 2015

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 23(1), 24(1), and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service Act 2006(**a**) hereby give the following Directions—

Commencement, application and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Directions come into force as follows—
 - (a) this direction and direction 3 come into force on 13 July 2015; and
 - (b) direction 2 comes into force on 2 May 2016.
- (2) These Directions apply in relation to Wales.
- (3) In these Directions—

"the Principal Directions" ("y Prif Gyfarwyddiadau") means the NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) Directions 2005(b); and

"NHSBT" ("GTGIG") means the Special Health Authority known as NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG)(c).

(4) These Directions amend the Principal Directions and provide transitional arrangements in preparation for the transfer from NHSBT to Velindre NHS Trust of responsibility for the provision of blood services in North Wales with effect from 2 May 2016.

⁽a) 2006 c. 42.

⁽b) as amended by: NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) Amendment Directions 2005; The NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2010; NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) (NO.2) Directions 2010; NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) (NO.3) Directions 2010; NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2011; and NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2015.

⁽c) Established by NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005, S.I. 2005/2529.

Amendment of direction 2 of the Principal Directions

- 2. For direction 2 of the Principal Directions substitute—
- "2.—(1) In this paragraph, "haemopoietic progenitor cells" means cells from bone marrow or blood by apheresis.
- (2) In order to promote or secure the effective supply of haemopoietic progenitor cells for the purposes of the health service, the Welsh Ministers direct NHSBT in relation to the county boroughs of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham to manage the register as at 2 May 2016 of haemopoietic progenitor cells donors and any associated services necessary for the treatment of patients."

Transitional arrangements

- **3.**—(1) In order to facilitate the transfer from NHSBT to Velindre NHS Trust of responsibility for blood services in North Wales with effect from 2 May 2016—
- (2) In the period up to 2 May 2017, to take such steps as it considers appropriate to co-operate with Velindre NHS Trust for the purpose of Velindre NHS Trust's preparations for and exercise of its functions under article 3(2)(b) of the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(a) to provide blood services on an all Wales basis;
- (3) The duty to co-operate extends to the provision of such information as is reasonably necessary for Velindre NHS Trust to receive. This direction does not require or authorise a disclosure in contravention of any legal obligation.

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⁽a) S.I. 1993/2838. Article 3(2)(b) provides: "to own and manage Welsh Blood Service Headquarters, Ely Valley Road, Talbot Green, Pontyclun CF72 9WB and associated premises, and there to provide and manage services relating to the collection, screening and processing of blood and its constituents and to the preparation and supply of blood, plasma and other blood products".