

2017 No. 13 (W.)

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

The Primary Medical Services
(Mental Health) (Directed
Enhanced Services) (Wales)
Directions 2017

Made 11 April 2017

Coming into force 12 April 2017

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 Primary Medical Services (Mental Health) (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2017.

(2) These Directions come into force on 12 April 2017.

(3) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards and apply in relation to Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006;

“GMS contract” (“*contract GMS*”) means a contract for general medical services between a

GMS contractor and a Local Health Board made pursuant to section 42 of the Act;

“GMS contractor” (“*contractwr GMS*”) means a person with whom a Local Health Board is entering or has entered into a GMS contract; and

“registered patient” (“*claf cofrestredig*”) has the same meaning as in the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2004⁽¹⁾.

Establishment of a Mental Health Scheme

3. Each Local Health Board must exercise its functions under section 41 of the Act (primary medical services) of providing primary medical services within its area, or securing the provision of such services within its area. As part of its discharge of those functions each Local Health Board must establish (if it has not already done so), operate and, as appropriate, revise a Mental Health Scheme for its area the underlying purpose of which is to improve the quality of care provided to patients with mental health needs through better co-ordination and sharing of information.

Mental Health Scheme

4.—(1) As part of its Mental Health Scheme, each Local Health Board must each financial year, offer to enter into arrangements with each GMS contractor in its area, thereby affording the GMS contractor a reasonable opportunity to participate in the Scheme during that financial year.

(2) The plan setting out the arrangements that a Local Health Board enters into, or has entered into, with a GMS contractor as part of its Mental Health Scheme must, include—

- (a) a requirement that the GMS contractor runs an annual practice based mental health education study session;
- (b) a requirement that the study session is a minimum of two hours in length;
- (c) a requirement that the entire practice team, unless unavoidably unable to attend on the day, attends the study session in order to achieve some of the key objectives in the Mental Health Strategy “Together for Mental Health”⁽²⁾;
- (d) a requirement that the GMS contractor selects one training topic each year from the following list—

(1) S.I. 2004/478 (W. 48) as amended.

(2) <http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/161010deliveryen.pdf>.

- (i) service user led training on understanding the experience of mental illness from a service user's perspective;
 - (ii) mental health and physical co morbidities; health promotion and reducing risks and inequity in primary care;
 - (iii) diagnosis and management of depression in the elderly;
 - (iv) understanding the mental health needs of young people and local pathways and support, working with local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services;
 - (v) eating disorders in adolescence and early adulthood;
 - (vi) recognition and management of threatened suicide and self harm;
 - (vii) early identification, effective management, advice and support for people with dementia and their carers;
 - (viii) understanding the importance of timely diagnosis in dementia including advanced decision making and enduring or lasting powers of attorney;
 - (ix) perinatal mental health problems; and
 - (x) meeting the health needs including mental health needs of refugees and asylum seekers;
- (e) a requirement that the GMS contractor retains a record of the training sessions, including attendees, programme content, a reflection of the learning achieved and agreed actions;
- (f) a requirement to make the record available to the Local Health Board on request; and
- (g) payment arrangements for the GMS contractor which must provide that—
- (i) GMS contractors will be able to claim a fee of £101.72 per 1000 registered patients, rounded down to the nearest whole pound where—
 - (aa) the GMS contractor meets its obligations under the plan, and
 - (bb) documentary evidence in the form of a report, confirming the date of the training sessions, programme content, a reflection of the learning achieved and any recommendations for service improvement is sent to the Local Health Board within 28 days after the end of the financial year. The report also needs to confirm that

85% of the primary care team, including clinical, managerial and administrative staff, have completed one of the priority topics training session,

- (ii) such payment will be payable on the first date after the payment is authorised on which one of the GMS contractor's payable Global Sum monthly payments falls due; and
- (h) any disputes arising will be dealt with in the prescribed way. Local Health Boards and GMS contractors should make every effort to resolve the dispute locally before formally submitting it through the NHS dispute resolution procedure.

5. The Local Health Board must, where necessary, vary the GMS contractor's GMS contract so that the plan comprises part of the GMS contractor's GMS contract and the requirements of the plan are conditions of the GMS contract.

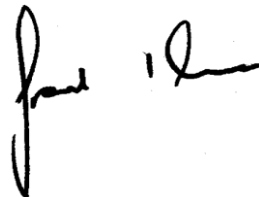
Amendments to the Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2007

6. The Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2007(1) which came into force on 12 December 2007 are amended as follows—

- (a) in direction 3(1), omit paragraph (f); and
- (b) omit direction 9.

Signed by Dr Grant L. Duncan, Deputy Director, Primary Care Division under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 11 April 2017



(1) 2007 No. 53.