

# WELSH HEALTH CIRCULAR



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**Title:** Model Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers – Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and the Emergency Ambulances Services Committee

**Date of Expiry / Review:** September 2022

**For Action by:**

Chairs of Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts

Directors of Corporate Governance/Board and Joint Committee Secretaries

**Action required by:**

In accordance with Board and Committee timetable but no later than 30 November 2019

**Sender:**

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**Enclosure(s):**

Letter to Chairs of Local Health Boards, Trusts, WHSSC and EASC

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Minister for Health and Social Services



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Chairs of Local Health Boards  
Chairs of NHS Trusts  
Chair of Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee  
Chair of the Emergency Ambulances Services Committee

12 September 2019

Dear Chairs,

**Review of Model Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers – Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and the issuing of Model Standing Orders for the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee**

As previously advised my officers have been revising the Model Standing Orders for Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts and the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC). As part of this review Model Standing Orders have also now been produced for EASC.

These model documents are issued in accordance with my powers of direction contained within sections 12(3) (for Local Health Boards) and 19(1) (for NHS Trusts) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

The full suite of Model documents were most recently issued in 2014. As part of this latest review consideration has been given to those sections which may be for local resolution and those which are subject to ministerial direction or are a legislative requirement. This information, together with any amendments made during this latest review are detailed in [Annex 1](#).

Your Board is required to incorporate and adopt this latest review into your organisations Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers. The WHSSC and EASC Standing Orders form Schedule 4.1 and 4.2 of the Local Health Board Standing Orders. Health Boards must also ensure that these schedules have been formally adopted by the respective Joint Committee.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vaughan Gething AC/AM  
Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services

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Chief Executives of Local Health Boards

Chief Executives of NHS Trusts

Managing Director, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner, Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

Board Secretaries, Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts

Committee Secretary, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee