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

Primary Care (NHS COVID-19
Bonus Payment Scheme) Directions
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The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 12(3), 19 and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1), make the following Directions.

Title, application and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Primary Care (NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment Scheme) Directions 2021.

(2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards and Velindre University NHS Trust.

(3) These Directions come into force on 29 May 2021.

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

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

“corporate optician” (“*optegydd corfforedig*”) means a body corporate registered in the register of bodies corporate maintained under section 9 of the Opticians Act 1989(2);

“dental contractor” (“*contractwr deintyddol*”) means a GDS contractor or a PDS contractor;

“Direct Engagement Model” (“*Model Cymryd Ymlaen yn Uniongyrchol*”) means the model of

(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) 1989 c. 44.

staff engagement which involves the primary care provider engaging an individual under a contract for services and also paying a recruitment business for the selection and vetting of that individual;

“EHEW provider” (“*darparwr AILIC*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was a party to a contract or arrangement with a Local Health Board for the EHEW service and was also—

- (a) registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7 (register of opticians) of the Opticians Act 1989, or
- (b) a corporate optician;

“EHEW service” (“*gwasanaeth AILIC*”) means the Eye Health Examination Wales Service which consists of arranging the provision of eye health examinations for service users who require such examination, the provision of advice for such service users and the onward referral to, and signposting of, further services to such service users as provided for by the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016⁽¹⁾;

“eligible staff member” (“*aelod o staff cymwys*”) means an individual specified in direction 5(3);

“eligible locum” (“*locwm cymwys*”) means an individual specified in direction 5(4);

“eligible principal” (“*prif swyddog cymwys*”) means an individual specified in direction 5(2);

“eligible period” (“*prif swyddog cymwys*”) means the period beginning with 17 March 2020 and ending with 28 February 2021;

“GDS contractor” (“*contractwr GDC*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was a party to a contract with a Local Health Board pursuant to section 57 of the Act;

“GMS contractor” (“*contractwr GMC*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was a party to a contract with a Local Health Board under section 42 of the Act;

“GOS contractor” (“*contractwr GOC*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was included in a Local Health Board’s ophthalmic list and provided general ophthalmic services as part of the National Health Service in Wales under the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986⁽²⁾;

“health care professional” (“*proffesiynolyn gofal iechyd*”) means an individual who, during the eligible period, was a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of

(1) 2016 No.10.
 (2) S.I. 1986/975.

the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002⁽¹⁾;

“HMRC deductions” (“*didyniadau CThEM*”) means any sums a primary care provider is required to pay to HM Revenue and Customs as a result of the payment to an eligible principal, eligible staff member or eligible locum pursuant to these Directions;

“Local Health Board” (“*Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol*”) means a Local Health Board established under section 11 of the Act (local health boards);

“Locum Worker Application Form” (“*Ffurflen Gais Gweithiwr Locwm*”) means the application form in Annex D of the Welsh Health Circular;

“LVSW provider” (“*darparwr GGGC*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was a party to a contract or arrangement with a Local Health Board for the LVSW and was also—

(a) registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7 (register of opticians) of the Opticians Act 1989, or

(b) a corporate optician;

“LVSW” (“*GGGC*”) means the national Low Vision Service Wales which consists of arranging the provision of low vision assessments and rehabilitation support for clients and securing the provision of low vision aids to clients as provided for by the Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016⁽²⁾;

“NHS COVID-19 bonus payment” (“*taliad bonws COVID-19 y GIG*”) means the one-off payment announced by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 17 March 2021⁽³⁾ and outlined in the Welsh Health Circular;

“NHS optician” (“*optegydd GIG*”) means a GOS contractor, EHEW provider or LVSW provider;

“NHS patient” (“*claf GIG*”) means an individual to whom a primary care contractor provided NHS services during the eligible period;

“NHS pension scheme” (“*cynllun pensiwn y GIG*”) means the pension scheme administered by the NHS Business Services Authority;

“NHS pharmacist” (“*fferylllydd GIG*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, carried out NHS services and was—

(1) 2002 c. 17.

(2) 2016 No.10.

(3) <https://gov.wales/nhs-and-social-care-staff-benefit-bonus-payment>

- (a) registered in Part 1 of the General Pharmaceutical Council Register⁽¹⁾ or in the register maintained under Articles 6 and 9 of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976⁽²⁾, or
- (b) lawfully carrying on a retail pharmacy business in accordance with section 69 of the Medicines Act 1968⁽³⁾, and

whose name was included in a pharmaceutical list under regulation 10 (preparation and maintenance of pharmaceutical lists) of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020⁽⁴⁾, for the provision of pharmaceutical services in particular by the provision of drugs;

“NHS services” (“*gwasanaethau GIG*”) means primary medical services, primary dental services, ophthalmic services or pharmaceutical services (as appropriate to the relevant primary care provider) provided pursuant to Parts 4 to 7 (inclusive) of the Act as part of the National Health Service in Wales;

“NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership” (“*Partneriaeth Cydwasanaethau GIG Cymru*”) means the body established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust Shared Services Committee (Wales) Regulations 2012⁽⁵⁾, which is responsible for exercising functions of Velindre University NHS Trust in relation to shared services, policy and strategy, and the management and provision of shared services to the health service in Wales;

“PDS contractor” (“*contractwr GDS*”) means a person who, during the eligible period, was a party to a contract with a Local Health Board pursuant to section 64 of the Act;

“non-NHS pension scheme contributions” (“*cyfraniadau cynllun pensiwn nad ydynt i gynllun pensiwn y GIG*”) means, where the payment to an eligible staff member pursuant to these Directions is treated for that individual as pensionable income (under a pension scheme other than the NHS pension scheme) the employer and employee pension scheme contributions associated with that payment;

(1) Maintained under article 19 (establishment, maintenance of and access to the Register) of the Pharmacy Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/231).

(2) S.I. 1976/1213 (N.I.22).

(3) 1968 c. 67.

(4) S.I. 2020/1073 (W. 241).

(5) S.I. 2012/1261.

“primary care provider” (*“darparwr gofal sylfaenol”*) means a dental contractor, GMS contractor, NHS optician or NHS pharmacist;

“Scheme” (*“Cynllun”*) means the NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment Scheme established by a Local Health Board in accordance with direction 3;

“Velindre University NHS Trust” (*“Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Prifysgol Felindre”*) means the NHS trust⁽¹⁾ established by article 2 of the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993⁽²⁾;

“Welsh Health Circular” (*“Cylchlythyr Iechyd Cymru”*) means the Welsh Health Circular reference WHC/2021/015⁽³⁾.

Establishment of a NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment Scheme

3.—(1) Each Local Health Board must establish, operate and, as appropriate, revise a NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment Scheme.

(2) The underlying purpose of the Scheme is to enable primary care providers who delivered NHS services during the eligible period to make a consolidated application for NHS COVID-19 bonus payments on behalf of their eligible principals, their eligible staff members, and eligible locums, and for Local Health Boards to facilitate payment of the same.

NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment Scheme

4.—(1) As part of its Scheme, each Local Health Board must—

- (a) make the NHS COVID-19 bonus payment application form available to each relevant primary care provider;
- (b) make the NHS COVID-19 bonus payment Locum Worker Application Form available to each relevant eligible locum;
- (c) enable all relevant primary care providers to submit an application for an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment on behalf of themselves (where the primary care provider was an eligible principal or a partnership consisting of at least one eligible principal during the eligible period), their eligible staff members, and eligible locums in the sum of—
 - (i) £837 per eligible principal;
 - (ii) £837 per eligible staff member; and

(1) See section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42).

(2) S.I. 1993/2838, amended by S.I. 2018/887 (W. 176).

(3) WHC/2021/015

- (iii) £735 per eligible locum;
- (d) assess each application received from a primary care provider against the applicable eligibility criteria specified in direction 5;
- (e) determine each application received from a primary care provider;
- (f) notify each primary care provider of the outcome of their applications;
- (g) make payment arrangements with a primary care provider which must provide for those applications within its consolidated application that are determined as eligible in accordance with these Directions to be paid to that primary care provider as one single NHS COVID-19 bonus payment in the sum of—
 - (i) £837 per eligible principal;
 - (ii) £837 per eligible staff member; and
 - (iii) £735 per eligible locum.

(2) Where a primary care provider would be entitled to submit an application to more than one Local Health Board, the Local Health Board's obligations under this direction 4 are limited to reflect direction 5(8).

Eligibility criteria

5.—(1) An individual is eligible to receive an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment if, in the opinion of the Local Health Board, they are—

- (a) an eligible principal in accordance with paragraph (2),
- (b) an eligible staff member of a primary care provider in accordance with paragraph (3), or
- (c) an eligible locum in accordance with paragraph (4),

and the primary care provider (or in the case of subparagraph (b) and (c), the relevant primary care provider) complies with the conditions in direction 7.

(2) An eligible principal is—

- (a) the primary care provider (where the primary care provider is an individual), or
- (b) where the primary care provider is a partnership consisting of at least one individual, each individual that is a partner in that partnership,

provided that such individual's primary role during the eligible period was to directly provide, or support the delivery of, NHS services to the primary care provider's NHS patients for at least 4 consecutive weeks during the eligible period.

(3) An eligible staff member is an individual who was employed or engaged directly by a primary care provider for at least 4 consecutive weeks during the eligible

period, working the hours or days during those 4 weeks as required by their contract of employment or contract for services, as—

- (a) a health care professional whose primary role was to directly provide NHS services to the primary care provider's NHS patients, or
- (b) an employee of the primary care provider whose primary role was to directly support the delivery of NHS services to the primary care provider's NHS patients, and who provided that support at the location at which those NHS patients received those NHS services.

(4) An eligible locum is a health care professional who was engaged as a locum during the eligible period by one or more primary care providers to provide NHS services to those primary care providers' NHS patients at a location in Wales for at least 8 four-hour sessions, with those 8 sessions having been completed during the eligible period, but not all 8 sessions must have been engaged by the same primary care provider.

(5) An eligible staff member or eligible principal remains eligible to receive an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment if, during the eligible period, they would have satisfied the criteria specified by paragraph (2) or (3) had they not been—

- (a) on COVID-19 Special Leave,
- (b) shielding due to COVID-19,
- (c) on sick leave,
- (d) on maternity, paternity, adoption or shared parental leave, or
- (e) on special leave.

(6) An individual is not eligible for an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment if, during the eligible period, they satisfied paragraph (2) or (3) only by virtue of being—

- (a) agency staff (including those engaged under a Direct Engagement model), except eligible locums,
- (b) a board Chair,
- (c) a non-executive or independent board member,
- (d) engaged under an arrangement falling within the HMRC rules on off-payroll working (IR35),
- (e) a worker paid on a "fee" basis, except eligible locums,
- (f) a clinical student on an unpaid placement,
- (g) on a career break,
- (h) in a role from which they have subsequently been dismissed except for reason of

redundancy, ill-health or (in the case of fixed term contracts) expiry of that fixed term,

- (i) in a role for which they are paid through a personal services company, or
- (j) an employee of, or a worker engaged by, a subcontractor, of any level, of a primary care provider.

(7) In this Direction “primary role” means the role they spend more than 50% of their contracted working hours performing.

(8) Where a primary care provider or eligible individual may be entitled to make more than one application, whether to one or more Local Health Boards, that primary care provider or eligible principal (and the primary care provider’s eligible staff members and eligible locums) is not eligible to receive an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment if they have been (or will be) the subject of another application either to that Local Health Board or to an alternative Local Health Board.

Payment of the NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment

6.—(1) A primary care provider will receive an automated payment based on the number of applications determined as eligible for a NHS COVID-19 bonus payment by the Local Health Board in accordance with direction 5.

(2) Any amount payable in accordance with paragraph (1) falls due—

- (a) in the case of a GDS contractor, on the next date when the GDS contractor’s payable Monthly Annual Contract Value Payment falls due in accordance with the relevant GDS Statement of Financial Entitlements;
- (b) in the case of a GMS contractor, on the next date when the GMS contractor’s Global Sum Monthly Payment falls due in accordance with the relevant GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements;
- (c) in the case of a GOS contractor, on the next date when the GOS contractor’s General Ophthalmic Services monthly reimbursement falls due in accordance with the Statement of Remuneration;
- (d) in the case of an NHS pharmacist, on the next date when the NHS pharmacist receives any other payments due under the Drug Tariff;
- (e) in the case of a PDS contractor, on the next date when the PDS contractor’s payable Monthly Annual Agreement Value Payment falls due in accordance with the relevant PDS Statement of Financial Entitlements; and
- (f) in the case of—

- (i) any other primary care provider, or
- (ii) where there will not be a “next date” for payments to the GDS contractor, GMS contractor, GOS contractor, NHS pharmacist or PDS contractor under subparagraphs (a) to (e) because the relevant contract, arrangement or registration has ended since the end of the eligible period,

no later than 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the primary care provider submits an application to the Local Health Board, or as otherwise may be agreed between the Local Health Board and the primary care provider.

(3) The Local Health Board must ensure that the receipt and payment in respect of any automated payments made pursuant to paragraph (1) are properly recorded and that each such payment has a clear audit trail.

Conditions attached to the NHS COVID-19 Bonus Payment

7.—(1) A NHS COVID-19 bonus payment under the provisions of the Scheme is only payable if a primary care provider satisfies the following conditions—

- (a) the primary care provider submits their application within the period beginning with 12 June 2021 and ending with 30 September 2021;
- (b) in respect of each individual on behalf of whom an application is made for an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment under the Scheme, the primary care provider making the application has supplied the relevant Local Health Board, via the NHS COVID-19 bonus payment application form, with—
 - (i) the name of the individual,
 - (ii) the National Insurance number of the individual,
 - (iii) confirmation that the individual on behalf of whom an application is being made did, during the eligible period, satisfy the eligibility criteria in direction 5, and
 - (iv) confirmation that the primary care provider will pay to the individual on behalf of whom they have made an application all sums received in respect of that individual’s application (minus any HMRC deductions or non-NHS pension scheme contributions) on the next scheduled date on which an eligible principal, eligible staff member or eligible locum is due to be paid by the primary care provider, or no later than 6 weeks after the primary care

provider receives payment in accordance with direction 6, whichever is the earliest;

- (c) the primary care provider—
 - (i) may only make one application for itself (or for any eligible principals constituting the primary care provider) under the Scheme, and
 - (ii) must not pay the sum paid to the individual on behalf of whom an application is being made as a substitute for any other payments which that individual would otherwise have received; and
- (d) the information supplied by the primary care provider under sub-paragraph 7(b) is correct and the primary care provider will make payments in accordance with the confirmation in sub-paragraph 7(b)(iv).

(2) Eligible locums must submit a completed NHS COVID-19 bonus payment Locum Worker Application Form to the primary care provider who they wish to make the application on their behalf no later than 11 June 2021.

(3) Eligible staff members and eligible locums are only entitled to receive a single NHS COVID-19 bonus payment and, for those individuals who would otherwise have been eligible for a payment from more than one primary care provider, the payment will only be paid to the primary care provider for whom the eligible staff member was employed or engaged for the longest period of time, and in the case of an eligible locum, for whom the eligible locum undertook the majority of the 8 qualifying four-hour sessions, during the eligible period.

(4) Where, during the eligible period, an eligible principal, eligible staff member or eligible locum was employed by an NHS Trust⁽¹⁾ or Local Health Board, or worked in adult or children's social care in Wales, the NHS COVID-19 bonus payment will be paid by the relevant NHS Trust, Local Health Board or social care provider and the eligible principal, eligible staff member or eligible locum is not entitled to apply for a payment under the Scheme.

(5) The Local Health Board may request from a primary care provider who makes an application for an NHS COVID-19 bonus payment any information which the Local Health Board does not have but needs, and the primary care provider either has or could be reasonably expected to obtain, in order for the Local Health Board to form an opinion on whether the individual on behalf of whom an application is made is eligible for payment under the provisions of the Scheme.

(1) As established by section 18 of the Act.

(6) The Local Health Board may, in appropriate circumstances, withhold payment of any, or any part of, payments due under the Scheme if a primary care provider breaches any of these conditions.

Overpayments and withheld amounts

8.—(1) If a Local Health Board makes a payment to a primary care provider pursuant to the Scheme and—

- (a) the primary care provider (or any individual on whose behalf it was making an application) was not entitled to receive all or part thereof, whether because it (or the relevant individual) did not meet the eligibility or entitlement conditions for the payment or because the payment was calculated incorrectly (including where a payment on account overestimates the amount that is to fall due);
- (b) the Local Health Board was entitled to withhold all or part of the payment because of a breach of a condition attached to the payment, but is unable to do so because the money has already been paid; or
- (c) the Local Health Board is entitled to repayment of all or part of the money paid,

the Local Health Board may recover the money paid by deducting an equivalent amount from any payment payable under the Scheme or any other payment payable to a primary care provider by virtue of its provision of NHS services, and where no such deduction can be made, it is a condition of the payments made pursuant to the Scheme that the primary care provider must pay to the Local Health Board that equivalent amount.

(2) Where a Local Health Board is entitled pursuant to paragraph (1) to withhold all or part of a payment because of a breach of a payment condition, and the Local Health Board does so or recovers the money by deducting an equivalent amount from another payment made in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(b), it may, where it sees fit to do so, reimburse the primary care provider the amount withheld or recovered, if the breach is cured.

Underpayments and late payments

9.—(1) If the full amount of a payment that is payable under the Scheme has not been paid before the date on which the payment falls due, once it falls due, it must be paid promptly unless—

- (a) this is with the consent of the primary care provider, or
- (b) the amount of, or entitlement to, the payment, or any part thereof, is in dispute.

(2) If the primary care provider's entitlement to the payment is not in dispute but the amount of the payment is in dispute, then once the payment falls due, pending the resolution of the dispute, the Local Health Board must—

- (a) pay to the primary care provider, promptly, an amount representing the amount that the Local Health Board accepts that the primary care provider is at least entitled to, and
- (b) thereafter pay any shortfall promptly, once the dispute is finally resolved.

(3) If a primary care provider has applied for a payment, on behalf of an individual, to which that individual is entitled under the Scheme but a Local Health Board is unable to calculate the payment until after the payment is due to fall due because it does not have the information it needs in order to calculate that payment (all reasonable efforts to obtain the information having been undertaken), that payment is (instead) to fall due on the next available scheduled payment date after the month during which the Local Health Board obtains the information it needs in order to calculate the payment.

Payments on account

10. Where a Local Health Board and the primary care provider agree (but the Local Health Board's agreement may be withdrawn where it is reasonable to do so and if it has given the primary care provider reasonable notice thereof), the Local Health Board must pay to a primary care provider on account any amount that is—

- (a) the amount of, or a reasonable approximation of the amount of, a payment that is due to fall due under the Scheme, or
- (b) an agreed percentage of the amount of, or a reasonable approximation of the amount of, a payment that is due to fall due under the Scheme, and if that payment results in an overpayment in respect of the payment, direction 8 applies.

Post payment verification

11. Post payment verification⁽¹⁾ applies to any application made by a primary care provider, whether for itself where the primary care provider was an eligible principal or a partnership consisting of at least one eligible principal during the eligible period, or on

(1) For more information on post payment verification, please see; <https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/primary-care-services/general-information/post-payment-verification-ppv/>

behalf of an eligible staff member or eligible locum, under the Scheme.

Dispute resolution

12.—(1) In the case of any dispute arising out of, or in connection with, the Scheme, the relevant Local Health Board and—

- (a) in the case of an application made on behalf of an eligible principal or eligible staff member of a primary care provider, the primary care provider who made the application, or
- (b) a locum who has had an application made on their behalf by a primary care provider,

must make every reasonable effort to communicate and cooperate with each other with a view to resolving the dispute, before referring the dispute for consideration and determination to the Welsh Ministers in accordance with the NHS dispute resolution procedure (or, where applicable, before commencing court proceedings) specified in sub-paragraphs (2) to (15) below.

(2) The procedure specified in the following sub-paragraphs applies in the case of any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Scheme which is referred to the Welsh Ministers.

(3) Any party wishing to refer a dispute as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) must send to the Welsh Ministers a written request for dispute resolution which must include or be accompanied by—

- (a) the names and addresses of the parties to the dispute,
- (b) a copy of the application for payment of the NHS COVID-19 bonus payment made under the Scheme, and
- (c) a brief statement describing the nature and circumstances of the dispute.

(4) Any party wishing to refer a dispute as mentioned in paragraph (2) must send the request under paragraph (3) before the end of 30 September 2022.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may determine the matter themselves or, if the Welsh Ministers consider it appropriate, appoint a person or persons to consider and determine it.

(6) Before reaching a decision as to who should determine the dispute, under paragraph (5), the Welsh Ministers must, within 7 days beginning with the date on which a matter under dispute was referred to them, send a written request to the parties to make in writing, within a specified period, any representations which they may wish to make about the matter under dispute.

(7) The Welsh Ministers must give, with the notice given under paragraph (6), to the party other than the one which referred the matter to dispute resolution a copy of any document by which the matter was referred to dispute resolution.

(8) The Welsh Ministers must give a copy of any representation received from a party to the other party and must in each case request (in writing) a party to whom a copy of the representations is given to make within a specified period any written observations which it wishes to make on those representations.

(9) Following receipt of any representations from the parties or, if earlier at the end of the period for making such representations specified in the request sent under paragraph (6) or (8), the Welsh Ministers must, if they decide to appoint a person or persons to hear the dispute—

- (a) inform the parties in writing of the name of the person or persons whom it has appointed, and
- (b) pass to the person or persons so appointed any documents received from the parties under paragraph (3), (6) or (8).

(10) For the purpose of assisting the adjudicator in the consideration of the matter, the adjudicator may—

- (a) invite representatives of the parties to appear before the adjudicator to make oral representations either together or, with the agreement of the parties, separately, and may in advance provide the parties with a list of matters or questions to which the adjudicator wishes them to give special consideration, or
- (b) consult other persons whose expertise the adjudicator considers will assist in the consideration of the matter.

(11) Where the adjudicator consults another person under paragraph (10)(b), the adjudicator must notify the parties accordingly in writing and, where the adjudicator considers that the interests of any party might be substantially affected by the result of the consultation, the adjudicator must give to the parties such opportunity as the adjudicator considers reasonable in the circumstances to make observations on those results.

(12) In considering the matter, the adjudicator must consider—

- (a) any written representations made in response to a request under paragraph (6), but only if they are made within the specified period;
- (b) any written observations made in response to a request under paragraph (8), but only if they are made within the specified period;
- (c) any oral representations made in response to an invitation under paragraph (10)(a);

- (d) the results of any consultation under paragraph (10)(b); and
- (e) any observations made in accordance with an opportunity given under paragraph (11).

(13) Subject to the other provisions within this direction and to any agreement by the parties, the adjudicator has wide discretion in determining the procedure of the dispute resolution to ensure the just, expeditious, economical and final determination of the dispute.

(14) The determination of the adjudicator and the reasons for it, must be recorded in writing and the adjudicator must give notice of the determination (including the record of the reasons) to the parties.

(15) In this direction—

“specified period” means such period as the Welsh Ministers specify in the request, being not less than 2, nor more than 4, weeks beginning with the date on which the notice referred to is given, but the Welsh Ministers may, if they consider that there is good reason for doing so, extend any such period (even after it has expired) and, where they do so, a reference in this paragraph to the specified period is to the period as so extended.

Exercise of Local Health Board functions by Velindre University NHS Trust

13. Velindre University NHS Trust may exercise all functions of a Local Health Board in connection with the operation and administration of the Scheme, with effect from the date on which these Directions come into force.



Signed by Alex Slade, Deputy Director, Primary Care Division under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Dated: 28 May 2021