

**WG No. 21-70**

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

**The Primary Care (Contracted Services: Immunisations)  
Directions 2021**

*Made* 10 August 2021

*Coming into force* 18 August 2021

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 10, 12(3) and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>, make the following Directions.

**Title, application and commencement**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Directions is the Primary Care (Contracted Services: Immunisations) Directions 2021.

(2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards.

(3) These Directions come into force on 18 August 2021.

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Directions—

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

“cluster” means a group of local service providers involved in health and care who have agreed to collaboratively work together to deliver primary medical services across a specified geographical area;

“cluster lead practice” means a general medical practitioner that has agreed to provide the Scheme to its registered patients, and to the registered patients of a general medical practitioner in its cluster that is not an engaged provider, and which the Local Health Board agrees will be a cluster lead practice;

“corporate optician” means a body corporate registered in the register of bodies corporate maintained under section 9 of the Opticians Act 1989<sup>(2)</sup>, which is carrying on business as an optometrist;

“Covid-19 vaccine” means the Moderna vaccine, Oxford/Astra-Zeneca vaccine or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine;

“Covid-19 Vaccines Specification” means the Primary Care Contracted Services: Immunisations (Covid-19 Vaccines) Specification at Schedule 1 to these Directions;

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(1) 2006 c.42.

(2) 1989 c. 44.

“dentist” means a dental practitioner—

- (a) who is registered in the dentists register, and
- (b) whose name is included in a dental performers list prepared by a Local Health Board under regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004<sup>(1)</sup>;

“dentists register” means the register referred to in section 14(1) of the Dentists Act 1984<sup>(2)</sup>;

“Drug Tariff” has the meaning given to it in regulation 55 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020<sup>(3)</sup> (the Drug Tariff and remuneration of NHS pharmacists and NHS appliance contractors);

“engaged provider” means a dentist, general medical practitioner (whether acting for itself, as a cluster lead practice or on behalf of another practice or group of practices), optician or pharmacist that agrees with a Local Health Board to provide services under the Scheme pursuant to an arrangement made in accordance with direction 4;

“GDS contractor” means a person who is a party to a contract with a Local Health Board pursuant to section 57 of the Act;

“general medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner whose name is included in—

- (a) the General Practitioner Register kept by the General Medical Council under section 34C of the Medical Act 1983<sup>(4)</sup>, and
- (b) a medical performers list prepared by a Local Health Board under regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004;

“GMS contractor” means a person who is a party to a contract with a Local Health Board under section 42 of the Act;

“GOS contractor” means a person who is included in a Local Health Board’s ophthalmic list and provides general ophthalmic services as part of the health service in Wales under the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986<sup>(5)</sup>;

“health care professional” means a person who is a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002<sup>(6)</sup>;

“Local Health Board” means a Local Health Board established in accordance with section 11(2) of the Act;

“Moderna vaccine” means the COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Moderna;

“NHS services” means ophthalmic services, pharmaceutical services, primary dental services or primary medical services (as appropriate to the relevant engaged provider) provided pursuant to Parts 4 to 7 of the Act as part of the health service in Wales;

“optician” means a person who is—

- (a) registered in the register of optometrists maintained under section 7 (register of opticians) of the Opticians Act 1989 or in the register of visiting optometrists from relevant European States maintained under section 8B(1)(a) of that Act, or
- (b) a corporate optician;

“Oxford/Astra-Zeneca vaccine” means the (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19) (Oxford) Vaccine;

“Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine” means the COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 or Comirnaty proprietary brand;

“pharmacist” means a person who is—

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(1) S.I. 2004/1020 (W. 117).  
(2) 1984 c. 24, amended by S.I. 2005/2011 and S.I. 2007/3101.  
(3) S.I. 2020/1073 (W. 241).  
(4) 1983 c. 54. Section 34C was inserted by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/234).  
(5) S.I. 1986/975.  
(6) 2002 c. 17.

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

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

“registered patient” means—

- (a) a person who is recorded by the Local Health Board as being on a general medical practitioner’s list of patients, or
- (b) a person whom the general medical practitioner has accepted for inclusion on its list of patients, whether or not notification of that acceptance has been received by the Local Health Board and who has not been notified by the Local Health Board as having ceased to be on that list;

“relevant specification” means any specification contained in a Schedule to these Directions;

“Scheme” means the Primary Care Contracted Services: Immunisations Scheme established by a Local Health Board in accordance with Direction 3;

“Statement of Financial Entitlements” means any directions given by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to—

- (a) section 45 of the Act in relation to payments to be made by a Local Health Board to a GMS contractor, or
- (b) section 60 of the Act in relation to payments to be made by a Local Health Board to a GDS contractor;

“Statement of Remuneration” means any determination made by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulation 10 of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Regulations 1986 in relation to payments to be made by a Local Health Board to a GOS contractor;

“Welsh Immunisation System” means the information system for the management, distribution and reporting of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

### **Establishment of a Primary Care Contracted Services: Immunisations Scheme**

**3.**—(1) Each Local Health Board must establish, operate and, as appropriate, revise a Primary Care Contracted Services: Immunisations Scheme.

(2) The underlying purpose of the Scheme is to enable the provision of services to administer vaccinations and immunisations as part of the health service in Wales by dentists, general medical practitioners, opticians and pharmacists.

### **Primary Care Contracted Services: Immunisations Scheme**

**4.**—(1) As part of its Scheme, each Local Health Board may enter into arrangements for the provision of services in accordance with a relevant specification with—

- (a) a dentist;
- (b) a general medical practitioner—
  - (i) in relation to the registered patients of that general medical practitioner,

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(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).

- (ii) as a cluster lead practice, in relation to the registered patients of the cluster lead practice and the registered patients of those general medical practitioners, if any, in its cluster that have not agreed within such time period as the Local Health Board requires, to deliver the Scheme to their registered patients pursuant to sub-paragraph (i),
- (iii) in relation to the registered patients of another general medical practitioner or group of general medical practitioners, where that general medical practitioner has agreed to deliver the Scheme pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) and subject to the agreement of the other general medical practitioner or group of general medical practitioners;
- (c) an optician; or
- (d) a pharmacist.

(2) Where the registered patients of a general medical practitioner will not receive the services under the Scheme, whether from the general medical practitioner in relation to whom they are registered patients, from a cluster lead practice or a general medical practitioner who has agreed to deliver the Scheme on behalf of the general medical practitioner where the patient is registered, the Local Health Board must make arrangements to ensure the provision of the services to the registered patients of that general medical practitioner as close to the practice premises of that general medical practitioner as is reasonably practicable and the Local Health Board may deliver the services under the Scheme to those patients in any way it believes is appropriate (including, but not limited to, by providing the services itself or arranging for the delivery of those services by any engaged provider).

(3) An arrangement made between a cluster lead practice and a Local Health Board in accordance with paragraph (1)(b)(ii) must include a requirement that each engaged provider co-operates with the other engaged providers and the cluster lead practice in its cluster in order for the cluster lead practice to complete, by such date as the Local Health Board requires, a plan setting out the arrangement for the delivery of the services under the Scheme to all registered patients of the general medical practitioners across the cluster (whether or not a general medical practitioner is a member of the cluster is an engaged provider or not). Where there is only one engaged provider, and it is the cluster lead practice, it is responsible for completing that plan. Where there is no cluster lead practice, and all of the general medical practitioners in the cluster are engaged providers, they are all responsible for completing that plan.

(4) Where arrangements are made between a Local Health Board and an engaged provider, those arrangements must include—

- (a) a requirement that the engaged provider—
  - (i) reads and takes account of these Directions alongside complying with the relevant specification, which in combination provide the detailed requirements of the Scheme;
  - (ii) maintains and keeps up to date a record on the Welsh Immunisation System of all persons receiving treatment under the Scheme;
  - (iii) provides the services required by the relevant specification and, as appropriate, in line with the plan specified in paragraph (3) or sub-paragraph (iv);
  - (iv) completes to the satisfaction of the Local Health Board, prior to the provision of any services under the Scheme and by such date as the Local Health Board requires, a plan setting out the arrangements for the delivery of the services under Scheme by the engaged provider including, as a minimum—
    - (aa) the dates and times when services under the Scheme will be delivered,
    - (bb) how the engaged provider will continue to provide, without interruption, its NHS services whilst it is a party to an arrangement under the Scheme, and
    - (cc) such other detail or assurances that the Local Health Board may reasonably request from the engaged provider;
- (b) a requirement that the engaged provider takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the Welsh Immunisation System is updated as soon as reasonably practicable after a person

has received a vaccine but in any event no later than the end of the day on which a vaccine is administered, and in particular the engaged provider must record on the Welsh Immunisation System—

- (i) any refusal of an offer of vaccination, or
- (ii) where an offer of vaccination was accepted—
  - (aa) details of the consent to the vaccination or immunisation (where a person has consented on another person’s behalf, the relationship to the person receiving the vaccine must also be recorded),
  - (bb) the batch number, expiry date and title of the vaccine,
  - (cc) the dose of the vaccine administered,
  - (dd) the name of the person drawing up the vaccine,
  - (ee) the name of the person administering the vaccine (if different to the person in (dd)),
  - (ff) the date and time the vaccine was administered,
  - (gg) where 2 vaccines are administered, the route of administration and the injection site of each dose of the vaccine,
  - (hh) any contraindications to the vaccination or immunisation, and
  - (ii) any adverse reactions to the vaccination or immunisation;
- (c) a requirement that the engaged provider—
  - (i) must adhere to the current guidance in chapter 3 (Storage, distribution and disposal of vaccines) of the latest edition of the “Green Book”(1),
  - (ii) has, as appropriate, the minimum necessary requirements for security specified in paragraphs 8(bb) to (ee) of the Covid-19 Vaccines Specification, and
  - (iii) in respect of administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, adheres to the current Information for Healthcare Professionals on Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine(2), in conjunction with the current guidance in chapter 3 (Storage, distribution and disposal of vaccines) of the latest edition of the “Green Book”;
- (d) a requirement that the engaged provider—
  - (i) supplies Public Health Wales with information on persons they have administered a vaccine to under the Scheme, via automated data extraction, for the purpose of monitoring local and national uptake;
  - (ii) supplies NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, via the Welsh Immunisation System, with information on persons who have received a vaccine under the Scheme, for payment and post payment verification purposes;
  - (iii) provides data, subject to paragraph (vii) below, to the cluster lead practice of a cluster (where applicable), Local Health Boards and Welsh Government when required;
  - (iv) ensures consistent coding for capture of data and compliance with relevant information governance legislation;
  - (v) ensures that each health care professional involved in the provision of services under the Scheme has the necessary skills, training, competence and experience in order to provide those services;
  - (vi) ensures that each health care professional involved in the provision of services under the Scheme completes any relevant training provided by Public Health Wales and that the engaged provider keeps a record to confirm that each health care

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(1) “Green Book” means the publication ‘Immunisation against infectious disease’, available at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>

(2) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-approval-of-pfizer-biontech-vaccine-for-covid-19/summary-of-product-characteristics-for-covid-19-vaccine-pfizerbiontech>

professional has undertaken the relevant training prior to participating in the administration of vaccinations;

- (vii) ensures each health care professional involved in the provision of services under the Scheme completes relevant CPD activity through, for example, regular educational updates, attendance at relevant courses provided by Local Health Boards, as well as self-directed learning, to be able to demonstrate they have adequate knowledge and skills through their annual appraisal and revalidation;
  - (viii) ensures that each health care professional involved in the provision of services under the Scheme is adequately indemnified/insured for any liability arising from the work performed;
  - (ix) supplies its Local Health Board with such information as the Local Health Board may reasonably request for the purposes of monitoring the performance of obligations under the Scheme and, as appropriate, the cluster's performance in relation to the plan specified in paragraph (3) or the engaged provider's performance in relation to the plan specified in paragraph (4)(iv);
  - (x) gives its Local Health Board at least the minimum notice period stated in the relevant specification, in writing, prior to terminating their arrangement to provide services under the Scheme; and
  - (xi) completes an annual report of outcomes by 31 March each year;
- (e) payment arrangements for an engaged provider which must provide for it to be able to claim in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Covid-19 Vaccines Specification, a payment of—
- (i) £12.58 per Covid-19 vaccine administered, and
  - (ii) £400 per 1,000 Covid-19 vaccines administered.

(5) Where the Local Health Board delivers the Scheme pursuant to an arrangement in accordance with paragraph (2), the Local Health Board must ensure that paragraph (4) applies to such arrangements as it would to an engaged provider.

### **Eligibility for payment**

5.—(1) A dentist, general medical practitioner, optician or pharmacist is only eligible for a payment for provision of services under the Scheme in circumstances where the following conditions are met—

- (a) they are an engaged provider;
- (b) the person in respect of whom the payment for the administration of a Covid-19 vaccine is claimed was allocated to the engaged provider by the Local Health Board with whom the engaged provider has an agreement to provide services under the Scheme;
- (c) all required details have been entered on to the Welsh Immunisation System to create a clinical record of immunisation with a vaccine for each person in respect of whom a payment is being claimed by the engaged provider;
- (d) the engaged provider does not receive any payment from any other source in respect of a vaccine (if the engaged provider does receive payments from other sources in respect of any person, the Local Health Board must consider whether to recover any payment made under the Scheme in respect of that person pursuant to direction 8 (overpayments and withheld amounts); and
- (e) the engaged provider creates the clinical record on the Welsh Immunisation System prior to the end of the day on which a vaccine is administered.

### **Payment under the Scheme**

6.—(1) The engaged provider will receive an automatic payment based on the information recorded on the Welsh Immunisation System in respect of each person who has received a vaccine and, where applicable, for every 1,000 Covid-19 vaccines administered, and the activity of the

engaged provider will be captured by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership as at the tenth day of each calendar month.

(2) Any amount payable in accordance with paragraph (1) falls due following the expiry of 14 days after the activity is captured under paragraph (1)—

- (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 Statement of Financial Entitlements;
- (c) in the case of a GOS contractor, on the date in the next month when the GOS contractor's General Ophthalmic Services monthly reimbursement falls due in accordance with the Statement of Remuneration;
- (d) in the case of a pharmacist, on the next date when the pharmacist receives any other payments due under the Drug Tariff, and
- (e) in the case of any other engaged provider, no later than 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the engaged provider creates or updates the clinical record on the Welsh Immunisation System or as otherwise may be agreed between the Local Health Board and the engaged provider.

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

### **Conditions of payment**

7.—(1) A payment under these Directions is only payable if an engaged provider satisfies the following conditions—

- (a) in respect of each person for which a payment under the Scheme is claimed, the engaged provider has supplied the Local Health Board, via the Welsh Immunisation System, with—
  - (i) the name of the person,
  - (ii) the date of birth of the person,
  - (iii) the NHS number, where known, of the person, and
  - (iv) the date on which each dose of a vaccine has been administered.

(2) The Local Health Board may request from an engaged provider any information which the Local Health Board does not have but needs, and the engaged provider either has or could be reasonably expected to obtain, in order for the Local Health Board to form an opinion on whether the engaged provider is eligible for payment under the provisions of the Scheme.

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

### **Overpayments and withheld amounts**

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

- (a) the engaged provider was not entitled to receive all or part thereof, whether because it did not meet the 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 an engaged 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 payable under the Scheme or any other payment payable to an engaged provider by virtue of its provision of NHS services, it may, where it sees fit to do so, reimburse the engaged 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 engaged provider, or
- (b) the amount of, or entitlement to, the payment, or any part thereof, is in dispute.

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

(3) However, if an engaged provider has—

- (a) not claimed a payment to which it would be entitled under the Scheme if it claimed the payment, or
- (b) claimed a payment to which it 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 first working day of the month 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 engaged 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 engaged provider reasonable notice thereof), the Local Health Board must pay to an engaged 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 the provision of services under the Scheme.

## Dispute resolution

12.—(1) In the case of any dispute arising out of, or in connection with, the Scheme, the engaged provider and the Local Health Board 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 Scheme dispute resolution procedure (or, where applicable, before commencing court proceedings) specified in paragraphs (2) to (15) below.

(2) The procedure specified in the following 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 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 any arrangement 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) within a period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the matter giving rise to the dispute happened or should reasonably have come to the attention of the party wishing to refer the dispute.

(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

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

(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 a 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.

### **Revocations and savings**

**13.—**(1) The following Directions are revoked, subject to paragraph (5).

(2) The Primary Care (Oxford/AstraZeneca Vaccine COVID-19 Immunisation Scheme) Directions 2020**(1)**.

(3) The Primary Care (Moderna Vaccine COVID-19 Immunisation Scheme) Directions 2021**(2)**.

(4) The Primary Care (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Immunisation Scheme) Directions 2021**(3)**.

(5) The Directions specified in paragraph (2), (3) or (4) continue to apply in respect of those persons to whom an engaged provider administered a Covid-19 vaccine prior to 18 August 2021 in accordance with the relevant Primary Care Covid-19 Immunisation Scheme and for whom the engaged provider has not received a payment.

**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: 10 August 2021**

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(1) WG No. 20-77.

(2) WG No. 21-32.

(3) WG No. 21-65.