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**For Action by:**

Chief Executives of Local Health Boards  
Chief Executive Welsh Ambulance  
Services NHS Trust

**Action required by:** Immediate

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**NHS Health Boards and Trusts -**  
**Chairs**

21 April 2022

Dear Chairs,

**Direct Paramedic Referral to Same Day Emergency Care: All Wales Policy**

This letter informs you of the publication of an all-Wales policy to support the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) and health boards in implementing direct paramedic referrals into Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC). A copy of the policy can be found [HERE](#).

This document was commissioned on behalf of the Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care Programme and has been developed by the national clinical lead for the Same Day Emergency Care Programme and the Executive Medical Director for the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST), alongside SDEC leads from health boards, and regional and national leads from WAST.

It describes the overall principles to be adopted by SDEC clinical teams and WAST paramedics when implementing direct paramedic referral pathways into local Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) services.

In order to reflect local service models, each health board will need to agree with WAST the mechanisms for enabling the 'clinician to clinician' discussion, which forms the basis of the acceptance of patients into SDEC services.

The implementation of this guidance will be supported by Ruth Alcolado, national clinical lead for the Same Day Emergency Care Programme.

Yours sincerely,

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**Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol**  
**Minister for Health and Social Services**