

WG24-01

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006

Wales Eye Care Services (Administrative List) (Wales) Directions 2024

Made 5 January 2024

Coming into force 5 January 2024

The Welsh Ministers give the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 12(1)(b) and (3) and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006⁽¹⁾.

Title, coming into force and application

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Wales Eye Care Services (Administrative List) (Wales) Directions 2024.

(2) These Directions come into force on 5 January 2024.

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

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Directions—

“the 2023 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2023*”) means the National Health Service (Ophthalmic Services) (Wales) Regulations 2023⁽²⁾;

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

“administrative list” (“*rhestr weinyddol*”) means the administrative list prepared and published in accordance with direction 3;

“combined list” (“*rhestr gyfunol*”) has the meaning given in regulation 10 of the 2023 Regulations;

(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) S.I. 2023/1053 (W.179).

“data protection legislation” (“*deddfwriaeth diogelu data*”) has the meaning given in section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018⁽¹⁾ (terms relating to the processing of personal data);

“dispensing optician” (“*optegydd cyflenwi*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the 2023 Regulations;

“eye examination services” (“*gwasanaethau archwilio llygaid*”) has the meaning given in regulation 3 of the 2023 Regulations;

“general ophthalmic services” (“*gwasanaethau offthalmig cyffredinol*”) has the meaning given in regulation 4 of the 2023 Regulations;

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

“ophthalmic medical practitioner” (“*ymarferydd meddygol offthalmig*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the 2023 Regulations;

“ophthalmic services” (“*gwasanaethau offthalmig*”) means any or all of WGOS 1, WGOS 2, WGOS 3, WGOS 4 or WGOS 5;

“optometrist” (“*optometrydd*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the 2023 Regulations;

“professional registration number” (“*rhif cofrestru proffesiynol*”) means the number against the qualified practitioner’s name in the register;

“qualified practitioner” (“*ymarferydd cymwysedig*”) means—

- (a) an optometrist;
- (b) an ophthalmic medical practitioner;
- (c) a dispensing optician;

“the register” (“*y gofrestr*”) means—

- (a) in relation to an ophthalmic medical practitioner, a register maintained by the General Medical Council under the Medical Act 1983⁽²⁾, or
- (b) in relation to a qualified practitioner other than an ophthalmic medical practitioner, a register maintained by the General Optical Council under the Opticians Act 1989⁽³⁾;

“relevant Local Medical Committee” (“*Pwyllgor Meddygol Lleol perthnasol*”) means the committee recognised by the Local Health Board under section 54 of the Act;

(1) 2018 (c. 12); the definition in section 3 was amended by S.I. 2019/419.
(2) 1983 c. 54.
(3) 1989 c. 44.

“relevant Local Optical Committee” (“*Pwyllgor Optegol Lleol perthnasol*”) means the committee recognised by the Local Health Board under section 78 of the Act;

“WGOS 1” (“*GOCC 1*”) means general ophthalmic services provided in accordance with the 2023 Regulations;

“WGOS 2” (“*GOCC 2*”) means eye examination services provided in accordance with the 2023 Regulations;

“WGOS 3” (“*GOCC 3*”) means low vision assessments, support and signposting for persons who require such assessments and securing the provision of low vision aids to clients and certification of visual impairment in optometry provided in accordance with the Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016(1);

“WGOS 4” (“*GOCC 4*”) means advanced practitioner management of medical retina and glaucoma referral refinement or monitoring services provided in accordance with the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016(2);

“WGOS 5” (“*GOCC 5*”) means advanced practitioner management of acute health presentations and glaucoma provided in accordance with the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016.

Directions to each Local Health Board

3.—(1) Each Local Health Board must prepare, for its area, an administrative list.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the administrative list must consist of a list of the qualified practitioners who provide or assist in the provision of ophthalmic services and must contain the following information—

- (a) the qualified practitioner’s full name;
- (b) the qualified practitioner’s professional registration number;
- (c) the date of the qualified practitioner’s first registration in the register;
- (d) the date that the qualified practitioner’s name was first included in the administrative list;
- (e) the ophthalmic services that the qualified practitioner provides or assists with.

(3) A Local Health Board is not required to include in an administrative list information about qualified

(1) 2016 No. 11 as amended by WG20-44, WG21-11 (now expired), WG23-47 and WG24-02.

(2) 2016 No. 10 as amended by WG20-44, WG21-11 (now expired), WG23-47 and WG24-02.

practitioners who are already included in a combined list prepared and published by that Local Health Board under regulations 10(1) and 11(1) of the 2023 Regulations.

(4) Each Local Health Board must publish its administrative list and make a copy available for inspection at—

- (a) its offices, and
- (b) any other place in its area it considers appropriate.

(5) Each Local Health Board must—

- (a) send a copy of its administrative list to the relevant Local Medical Committee and the relevant Local Optical Committee, and
- (b) at intervals of not more than 3 months, notify each of them of any alteration made in that list.

Data protection

4. Nothing in these Directions requires a Local Health Board to do anything contrary to data protection legislation.



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