

## WG25-91

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

#### The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the General Dental Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions 2025

*Made* 22 December 2025

*Coming into force* 23 December 2025

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 60, 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>, after consulting in accordance with section 60(4) of that Act both with the bodies appearing to them to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate and with such other persons as they consider to be appropriate, give the following Directions.

#### **Title, coming into force and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the General Dental Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions 2025.

(2) These Directions come into force on 23 December 2025 but have effect from 1 April 2025<sup>(2)</sup>.

(3) In these Directions, “the Principal Directions” means the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the

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(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) Section 60(3)(e) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 permits the retrospective effect of Directions given under section 60 of that Act provided such provision, having regard to the direction as a whole, is not detrimental to the persons to whose remuneration it relates.

## **Amendments to the Principal Directions**

2. The Principal Directions are amended as follows.

## **Amendments to Section 2 (Negotiated Annual Contract Values)**

3. In section 2, for paragraph 2.8 (annual contract value adjustment) substitute “The percentage determined by the Welsh Ministers for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2025 is 4%.”

## **Amendments relating to the 2025/26 financial year**

4. For section 10A (new metrics that may apply for the 2022/23 financial year and conditions attached to any payments related to those new metrics) substitute—

### **“10A. Conditions attached to the annual contract value adjustment in respect of the 2025/26 financial year**

**10A.1.** For the 2025/26 financial year, the percentage determined by the Welsh Ministers as the annual contract value adjustment in paragraph 2.8 of section 2 of this SFE is payable only where the contractor submits a written declaration to the LHB before 30 June 2026 confirming that it has fulfilled the conditions set out in paragraph 10A.2.

**10A.2.** The conditions referred to in paragraph 10A.1 are—

(a) completion of an antimicrobial audit, a comparison of the result of that audit against those previously carried out and identification of the actions required to improve antibiotic prescribing within its practice,

(b) completion and review of the contractor’s urgent care provision,

(c) maintain clinical records evidencing at least two treatment/acclimatisation attempts before any paediatric referral from 2 January 2026 for additional/advanced services including general anaesthetic services, and

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(1) 2009 No. 18. Amended by 2010 No. 22, 2011 No. 33, 2012 No. 27, 2013 No. 11, 2014 No. 27, 2015 No. 23, 2016 No. 26, 2016 No. 31, 2017 No. 19, 2018 No. 73, 2019 No. 42, 2020 No. 66, 2021 No. 21, WG21-88, WG22-17, WG23-01, WG25-02, WG25-04, WG25-07 and WG25-44.

(d) implementation, and report on its operation and effect of the contractor's Did Not Attend Policy.

**10A.3.** The LHB may request from the contractor any information which the LHB does not have but reasonably requires in order to determine whether the contractor has satisfied the conditions in paragraph 10A.2.”

Signed by Paul Casey, Deputy Director for Primary and Community Care, under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, one of the Welsh Ministers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Casey', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Date 22 December 2025