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**NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE**

**The Directions to Local Health
Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales on
Quality Assurance and Performance
Management, Escalating Concerns,
and Closure of Regulated Care and
Support Services**

Made 3 February 2026

Coming into force 31 March 2026

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(3), 19(1), 203(9) and 204(3) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006⁽¹⁾, hereby give the following Directions.

Title, coming into force and application

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales on Quality Assurance and Performance Management, Escalating Concerns, and Closure of Regulated Care and Support Services.

(2) These Directions come into force on 31 March 2026.

(3) These Directions are given to—

- (a) each Local Health Board in Wales, and
- (b) each NHS Trust in Wales.

**Quality Assurance and Performance Management,
Escalating Concerns, and Closure of Regulated Care
and Support Services**

2. Each Local Health Board and each NHS Trust must exercise its functions in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code of Practice on Quality Assurance and Performance Management, Escalating Concerns,

(1) 2006 c. 42.

and Closure of Regulated Care and Support Services,
which was issued by the Welsh Ministers on 2 February
2026 and which came into force on 31 March 2026.

Dawn Bowden

Signed by the Minister for Children and Social Care,
under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health
and Social Care, one of the Welsh Ministers
3 February 2026