

NWSI 2026 No. 43

**NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE**

**The Wales Infected Blood Support
Scheme (Amendment) Directions
2026**

Made 4 March 2026

Coming into force 1 April 2026

The Welsh Ministers give the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1), 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) 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 Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2026.

(2) These Directions come into force on 1 April 2026.

(3) These Directions are given to Velindre University NHS Trust⁽²⁾.

(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) Velindre University NHS Trust was established by Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/2838), amended by S.I. 2017/912 (W. 223) and S.I. 2018/887 (W. 176); there are other amending instruments but none are relevant to these Directions.

Amendments to the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (No. 2) Directions 2017

2. The Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (No. 2) Directions 2017(1) must continue to be read in accordance with the letter dated October 2025 from Ben Brown (Deputy Director, Quality, Safety and Clinical Conditions) to Neil Frow (Managing Director, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership)(2), and are amended as follows.

Amendments to annual payments for the financial year 2026 – 2027

3.—(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C – Stage I)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for “£23,294” substitute “£24,179”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£35,327” substitute “£36,669”.

(2) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C – Stage II), for “£35,327” substitute “£36,669”.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 (Qualifying Persons with HIV), for “£35,327” substitute “£36,669”.

(4) In Schedule 4 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C and HIV)—

- (a) in paragraph 1—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for “£47,952” substitute “£49,774”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£55,518” substitute “£57,628”;
- (b) in paragraph 2, for “£55,518” substitute “£57,628”.

(1) 2017 No. (W. 39), amended by the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (No. 3) Directions 2017 (2017 No. (W. 38)), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2018 (2018 No. (W. 54)), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2019, the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2020 (WG20.16), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2021 (WG21-39), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2021 (WG21-72), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2022 (WG22-13), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2022 (WG22-46), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2023 (WG23-11), the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2024 (WG24-08) and the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (Amendment) Directions 2025 (WG25-12).

(2) An electronic copy can be found at <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2025-11/welsh-infected-blood-support-scheme-directions-changes-october-2025.pdf>.

Amendments to winter fuel payments for the financial year 2026 – 2027

4.—(1) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C – Stage I), for “£670” substitute “£695”.

(2) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C – Stage II), for “£670” substitute “£695”.

(3) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 (Qualifying Persons with HIV), for “£670” substitute “£695”.

(4) In paragraph 4B of Schedule 4 (Qualifying Persons with hepatitis C and HIV), for “£670” substitute “£695”.



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