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

**The Emergency Ambulance
Services Committee (Wales)
Directions 2014**

Made 10 March 2014

Coming into force 11 March 2014

The Welsh Ministers give the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(3), 13(2)(c), (3)(c) and (4)(c) and 203(9) and (10) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006⁽¹⁾.

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (Wales) Directions 2014.

(2) These Directions come into force on 11 March 2014.

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

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

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

“Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner” (“*Prif Gomisiynydd Gwasanaethau Ambiwllans*”) means the person employed by the host Local Health Board to lead the Welsh health ambulance services team;

“emergency ambulance services” (“*gwasanaethau ambiwlans brys*”) include responses to emergency calls via 999; urgent hospital admission requests from general practitioners; high dependency and

inter-hospital transfers; major incident response and urgent patient triage by telephone;

“host Local Health Board” (*“Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol cynhaliol”*) means Cwm Taf University Local Health Board;

“the joint committee” (*“y cyd-bwyllgor”*) means the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee established under direction 3;

“Local Health Board” (*“Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol”*) means a Local Health Board established in accordance with section 11(2) of the Act⁽¹⁾;

“nominated representative” (*“cynrychiolydd enwebedig”*) means an officer member nominated by the chief officer of each of the Local Health Boards. Officer member in this context means a member holding any office set out in regulation 3(2) of the Local Health Boards (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2009⁽²⁾;

“operational date” (*“dyddiad gweithredol”*) means 1 April 2014;

“the relevant functions” (*“y swyddogaethau perthnasol”*) means the planning and securing of emergency ambulance services for the sick and injured; and

“shadow period” (*“cyfnod cysgodol”*) means the period between 11 March 2014 and the operational date; and

“Welsh health ambulance services team” (*“tim gwasanaethau ambiwlans iechyd Cymru”*) means staff employed by the host Local Health Board to exercise the relevant functions from the operational date and to exercise preparatory functions in the shadow period.

Directions to each Local Health Board

3.—(1) The Local Health Boards will jointly exercise the relevant functions from the operational date.

(2) For the purpose of jointly exercising the relevant functions from the operational date the Local Health

(1) Powys Teaching Local Health Board was established under the Local Health Boards (Establishment) (Wales) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/148 (W.18)). Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board, Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board, Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board, Cwm Taf University Local Health Board and Hywel Dda University Local Health Board were established under the Local Health Boards (Establishment and Dissolution) (Wales) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/778 (W.66)) as amended by S.I. 2013/2918 (W.286).

(2) S.I. 2009/779 (W.67).

Boards will establish a joint committee from as soon as practicable after 11 March 2014.

(3) The joint committee established pursuant to paragraph (2) will not exercise the relevant functions during the shadow period.

(4) The host Local Health Board will exercise its functions so as to provide administrative support for the running of the joint committee and establish the Welsh health ambulance services team and employ a person to be known as the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner to lead that team.

Limited functions of the joint committee during the shadow period

4. During the shadow period the Local Health Boards will secure that the joint committee established pursuant to direction 3(2) will take such decisions and make such arrangements as are reasonably necessary to enable it to perform the relevant functions satisfactorily from the operational date.

Membership of the joint committee

5.—(1) The members of the joint committee consist of —

- (a) the chief officers of each Local Health Board or nominated representative;
- (b) a chair; and
- (c) the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner.

(2) The member in paragraph (1)(c) will have such responsibilities as may be prescribed by the joint committee.

(3) In addition there will be three associate members who will be the chief executives of Velindre National Health Service Trust, the Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust and the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust. Associate members may not vote in any meetings or proceedings of the joint committee.

Signed by Kevin Flynn, Director of Delivery / Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales, under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers.



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