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

The National Health Service (Wales
Eye Care Services) (Wales)
Directions 2023

Made 20 October 2023

Coming into force 20 October 2023

The Welsh Ministers give the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 12(1)(b) and (3), 13(2)(c), (3)(c) and (4)(c), 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 National Health Service (Wales Eye Care Services) (Wales) Directions 2023.

(2) These Directions come into force on 20 October 2023.

(3) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards and Velindre University National Health Service Trust⁽²⁾ and apply in relation to Wales.

Amendment of the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016

2.—(1) The Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016⁽³⁾ are amended as follows.

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- (1) 2006 c. 42.
(2) Established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993/2838 as amended by S.I. 1999/826, S.I. 2002/442 (W.57), S.I. 2002/2199 (W.219), S.I. 2009/2059 (W.178), S.I. 2012/1262 (W.157), S.I. 2017/912 (W.223), S.I. 2018/887 (W.176), S.I. 2021/232 (W.58) and S.I. 2022/251 (W.77).
(3) S.I. 2016/10 as amended by WG20-44 and WG21-11 (now expired).

(2) In direction 1(3) (Title, commencement and application), after “Local Health Boards and” insert “Velindre University NHS Trust and”.

(3) In direction 2 (Interpretation)—

- (a) omit the definition of “Eye Health Examination Clinical Lead”;
- (b) omit the definition of “Eye Health Examination Service Accredited Practitioner”;
- (c) omit the definition of “Eye Health Examination Service Manager”;
- (d) omit the definition of “Eye Health Examination Service team”;
- (e) omit the definition of “host Local Health Board”;
- (f) in the definition of “Local Health Board” after “Act” omit “(2)”;
- (g) in the definition of “the joint committee”, for “Eye Health Examination Service” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”;
- (h) for the definition of “the relevant functions” substitute—

“the relevant functions” means arranging the provision of the Enhanced Optometry Services;”;

(i) in the appropriate places insert—

““Enhanced Optometry Services” means (i) advanced practitioner management of medical retina and glaucoma referral refinement or monitoring services and (ii) advanced practitioner management of acute health presentations and glaucoma;

“Enhanced Optometry Services Accredited Practitioner” means a practitioner who satisfies all of the accreditation requirements;

“host NHS body” means Velindre University NHS Trust;

“National WGOS Clinical Lead” means a person who is employed by Velindre University NHS Trust with responsibility for providing clinical leadership and support in relation to national optometric services;

“the SSP” means the National Health Service Wales Shared Services Partnership Committee⁽¹⁾ which provides administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales on behalf of Velindre University NHS Trust;

“Velindre University NHS Trust” means Velindre University National Health Service Trust

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established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(1);”.

(4) Omit direction 3(3) (Directions to each Local Health Board).

(5) In direction 4 (Membership of the joint committee)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(b), omit “who is an optometrist employed by one of the Local Health Boards or provides services under the National Health Service General Ophthalmic (Wales) Regulations 1986 and is approved by the Wales Optometric Committee Statutory Advisory Group”;

(b) omit paragraph (1)(d);

(c) in paragraph (1)(e), for “Eye Health Examination Service Clinical Lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;

(d) in paragraph (2)(c), for “host Local Health Board” substitute “SSP”;

(e) in paragraph (2)(d), for “Eye Health Examination Service accredited practitioner(s)” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Accredited Practitioner(s)”;

(f) in paragraph (3), for “Local Health Board” substitute “NHS body”;

(g) in paragraph (5), for “Community Health Councils Board” substitute “Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care, Wales(2)”.

(6) After direction 4 insert—

“Hosting arrangements

5. The host NHS body will exercise its functions to provide professional, administrative and technical services(3) for the running of the joint committee in accordance with the service specification in Schedule 1 to these Directions.”

(7) In the heading of Schedule 1, for “EYE HEALTH EXAMINATION WALES SERVICE” substitute “ENHANCED OPTOMETRY SERVICES”.

(8) In paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1 (Interpretation)—

(a) in the definition of “approved resources”—

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- (1) S.I. 1993/2838, amended by S.I. 1999/826; S.I. 2002/442 (W.57); S.I. 2002/2199 (W.219); S.I. 2009/2059 (W.178); S.I. 2012/1262 (W.157); S.I. 2017/912 (W.223); S.I. 2018/887 (W.176); S.I. 2021/232 (W.58) and S.I. 2022/251 (W.77).
- (2) Established under section 12(1) of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 asc 1.
- (3) The provision of administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales is delegated to the SSP under S.I. 2012/1261 (W.156), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2015/137; S.I. 2016/481; S.I. 2020/585 (W.133) and S.I. 2021/237 (W.60).

- (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (iii) for “EHEW service” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”;
 - (iv) for “LHBs” substitute “host NHS body’s”;
- (b) in the definition of “client”—
- (i) for “satisfie” substitute “satisfy”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
 - (iii) for “EHEW Clinical Lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;
- (c) omit the definition of “the EHEW Clinical Lead”;
- (d) omit the definition of “the EHEW committee”;
- (e) omit the definition of “the EHEW Manager”;
- (f) omit the definition of “the EHEW Manual”;
- (g) omit the definition of “the EHEW service”;
- (h) omit the definition of “the EHEW SOP”;
- (i) omit the definition of “the host LHB”;
- (j) in the definition of “LHBs” omit “(including Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board)”;
- (k) in the definition of “running costs”—
- (i) before “such costs” insert “means”;
 - (ii) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (iii) for “managing the EHEW service” substitute “providing professional, administrative and technical services for the running of the Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (l) for the definition of “the SSP” substitute—
 ““the SSP” means National Health Service Wales Shared Services Partnership Committee⁽¹⁾ which exercises Velindre University NHS Trust’s functions in relation to administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales;”;
- (m) in the appropriate places insert—

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““the Clinical Manual” means the clinical manual for the Enhanced Optometry Services and other optometric services prepared and published by the SSP;

“the Enhanced Optometry Services” means (i) advanced practitioner management of medical retina and glaucoma referral refinement or monitoring services and (ii) advanced practitioner management of acute health presentations and glaucoma;

“the Enhanced Optometry Services Committee” means the joint committee established pursuant to direction 3(2);

“the host NHS body” means Velindre University NHS Trust(1);

“National WGOS Clinical Lead” means a person who is employed by Velindre University NHS Trust with responsibility for providing clinical leadership and support in relation to national optometric services;

“the SOPs” means the standard operating procedures for the Enhanced Optometry Services and other optometric services prepared and published by the SSP;

“Velindre University NHS Trust” means Velindre University National Health Service Trust established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(2).”.

(9) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 (Funding arrangements—

(a) for paragraph 2.1 substitute—

“2.1 The LHBs are responsible for ensuring provision of the Enhanced Optometry Services (as outlined in the Clinical Manual) for clients within their locality. The LHBs will receive funding within their general allocation for arranging the provision of the Enhanced Optometry Services (including the costs of reimbursing accredited practitioners for the delivery of the Enhanced Optometry Services). All other running costs will be met by the host NHS body through its general allocation, except that the costs for the training and accreditation of accredited practitioners to undertake the

(1) The functions of Velindre NHS Trust as regards the provision of administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales is delegated to the SSP under S.I. 2012/1261 (W.156), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2015/137; S.I. 2016/481; S.I. 2020/585 (W.133) and S.I. 2021/237 (W.60).

(2) S.I. 1993/2838, amended by S.I. 1999/826; S.I. 2002/442 (W.57); S.I. 2002/2199 (W.219); S.I. 2009/2059 (W.178); S.I. 2012/1262 (W. 157); S.I. 2017/912 (W.223); S.I. 2018/887 (W.176); S.I. 2021/232 (W.58) and S.I. 2022/251 (W.77).

Enhanced Optometry Services will be met by Health Education and Improvement Wales(1).”;

- (b) for paragraph 2.2 substitute—

“2.2 the LHBs must not use the funding provided within their general allocation for the provision of the Enhanced Optometry Services for any other purpose. The host NHS body must not use the funding provided within its general allocation in respect of the running costs for any other purpose.”;
- (c) in paragraph 2.3—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (d) in paragraph 2.4—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (e) in paragraph 2.5—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (iii) in paragraph (c), for “EHEW committee”, substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (f) in paragraph 2.6—
 - (i) for “EHEW committee”, substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (g) in paragraph 2.7, for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (h) in paragraph 2.8—
 - (i) for each place “EHEW committee” occurs, substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;

(1) Established by S.I. 2017/913 (W.224).

- (i) in paragraph 2.9, for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (j) in paragraph 2.10—
 - (i) for each place “EHEW committee” occurs, substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW committee’s” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee’s”;
 - (k) in paragraph 2.11—
 - (i) for each place “host LHB” occurs, substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for each place “EHEW committee” occurs, substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (l) in paragraph 2.12—
 - (i) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (m) in paragraph 2.13—
 - (i) for “EHEW continues” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services continue”;
 - (ii) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”.
- (10) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 (Service delivery)—
- (a) in paragraph 3.1—
 - (i) in the words before paragraph (a) omit “and the host LHB”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (a) for “EHEW service” in both places it occurs substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”;
 - (iii) in paragraph (b) for “EHEW SOPs and EHEW Manual” substitute “SOPs and Clinical Manual”;
 - (b) in paragraph 3.2—
 - (i) for “EHEW is” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services are”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW Manual and the EHEW SOP” substitute “Clinical Manual and the SOPs”;
 - (iii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (c) for paragraph 3.3 substitute—

“3.3 Any concerns, incidents or complaints which occur as a consequence of the provision of the Enhanced Optometry Services in a LHB’s area must be investigated by that LHB in accordance with the National Health Service (Concerns, Complaints and Redress Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2011⁽¹⁾ and any other process requirements set out in the Clinical Manual.”.

(11) In paragraph 4 (Eye Health Examination Manual)—

- (a) for the heading substitute “Clinical Manual and SOPs”;
- (b) omit paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2;
- (c) in paragraph 4.3—
 - (i) in the words before paragraph (a), for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) omit paragraph (a);
 - (iii) in paragraph (b)—
 - (aa) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (bb) for “EHEW SOPs and the EHEW Manual”, substitute “SOPs and the Clinical manual”.

(12) In paragraph 5 (Reimbursement of EHEW accredited practitioner fee to LHBs)—

- (a) in the heading, omit “EHEW” and “to LHBs”;
- (b) for paragraph 5.1 substitute—

“5.1 Having provided any of the Enhanced Optometry Services to a client, an accredited practitioner must send the claim for payment to the host NHS body. Following consideration of the claim for payment, the host NHS body will either—

 - (a) accept the claim for payment and refer it for payment; or
 - (b) query the claim for payment.”;
- (c) in paragraph 5.2—
 - (i) for “SSP” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW service” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”;

(1) S.I. 2011/704 (W.108), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2013/898 (W.102); S.I. 2022/634; S.I. 2023/274 (W.41); S.I. 2023/281 (W.42) and S.I. 2023/1053 (W.179).

- (d) in paragraph 5.3, for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (e) in paragraph 5.4—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (f) in paragraph 5.5—
 - (i) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW service” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”.
- (13) In paragraph 6 (Audit)—
 - (a) for “EHEW service” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services”;
 - (b) for “EHEW SOPs and EHEW Manual” substitute “SOPs and the Clinical Manual”.
- (14) In paragraph 7 (Confidentiality and publicity)—
 - (a) in paragraph 7.1—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “1998” substitute “2018”;
 - (b) in paragraph 7.2, for “host LHB” in both places it occurs substitute “host NHS body”.
- (15) For paragraph 8.1 (Contact points) substitute—

“8.1 All communications from the LHBs to the host NHS body and/or the Enhanced Optometry Services Committee regarding any aspect of the Enhanced Optometry Services must be made formally in writing and addressed to the Enhanced Optometry Services Committee, Mamhilad Park Estate, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 0YP. The host NHS body and National WGOS Clinical Leads will agree on the appropriate course of action to answer all communications received and will provide a full written response or interim reply within 7 days and full written response as soon as practicably possible.”.
- (16) In paragraph 9 (Accreditation requirements)—
 - (a) in paragraph 9.1(b)—
 - (i) after “complete the practice” insert “and clinical”;
 - (ii) for “EHEW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
 - (b) in paragraph 9.1(c)—
 - (i) for “EHEW Clinical Lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;

- (ii) omit “, EHEW Manager”;
- (iii) for “EHEW committee” substitute “Enhanced Optometry Services Committee”;
- (iv) for “EHEW Manual;” substitute “Clinical Manual.”;
- (c) omit paragraph 9.1(d).

Amendment of the Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016

3.—(1) The Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In direction 1(3) (Title, commencement and application), after “Local Health Boards and” insert “to Velindre University NHS Trust and”;

(3) In direction 2 (Interpretation)—

- (a) omit the definition of “host Local Health Board”;
- (b) in the definition of “the relevant functions”—
 - (i) for “and rehabilitation support as outlined in the Low Vision Service Manual” substitute “, support and signposting”;
 - (ii) after “low vision aids to such persons” insert “and certification of visual impairment in optometry”;
- (c) omit the definition of “the Low Vision Services team”;
- (d) omit the definition of “Low Vision Service Clinical Lead”;
- (e) omit the definition of “Low Vision Service Manager”;
- (f) omit the definition of “Low Vision Service Manual”;
- (g) in the appropriate places insert—

““host NHS body” means Velindre University NHS Trust;

“National WGOS Clinical Lead” means a person who is employed by Velindre University NHS Trust with responsibility for providing clinical leadership and support in relation to national optometric services;

“the SSP” means the National Health Service Wales Shared Services Partnership Committee⁽²⁾

(1) S.I. 2016/11 as amended by WG20-44 and WG21-11 (now expired).

(2) Established by S.I. 2012/1261 (W.156), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2015/137; S.I. 2016/481; S.I. 2020/585 (W.133) and S.I. 2021/237 (W.60).

which provides administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales on behalf of Velindre University NHS Trust;

“Velindre University NHS Trust” means Velindre University National Health Service Trust established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(1);”.

(4) Omit direction 3(3) (Directions to each Local Health Board).

(5) In direction 4 (Membership of the joint committee)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(b), omit “who is an optometrist employed by one of the Local Health Boards or provides services under the National Health Service General Ophthalmic (Wales) Regulations 1986 and is approved by the Wales Optometric Committee Statutory Advisory Group”;

(b) omit paragraph (1)(d);

(c) in paragraph (1)(e), for “Low Vision Service Clinical Lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;

(d) in paragraph (2)(c), for “host Local Health Board” substitute “SSP”;

(e) in paragraph (3), for “Local Health Board” substitute “NHS body”;

(f) in paragraph (5), for “Community Health Councils Board” substitute “Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care, Wales(2)”.

(6) After direction 4 insert—

“Hosting arrangements

5. The host NHS body will exercise its functions to provide professional, administrative and technical services(3) for the running of the joint committee in accordance with the service specification in Schedule 1 to these Directions.”

(7) In paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1 (Interpretation)—

(a) in the definition of “the approved resources”—

(i) for “host LHBs” substitute “host NHS body”;

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- (1) S.I. 1993/2838, amended by S.I. 1999/826; S.I. 2002/442 (W.57); S.I. 2002/2199 (W.219); S.I. 2009/2059 (W.178); S.I. 2012/1262 (W.157); S.I. 2017/912 (W.223); S.I. 2018/887 (W.176); S.I. 2021/232 (W.58) and S.I. 2022/251 (W.77).
- (2) Established under section 12(1) of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 asc 1.
- (3) The provision of administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales is delegated to the SSP under S.I. 2012/1261 (W.156), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2015/137; S.I. 2016/481; S.I. 2020/585 (W.133) and S.I. 2021/237 (W.60).

- (ii) for “host LHBs” substitute “host NHS body’s”;
- (b) in the definition of “call-off contract” for “host LHB” in both places it occurs substitute “host NHS body”;
- (c) in the definition of “client”—
 - (i) for “LVSW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
 - (ii) for “LVSW clinical lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;
- (d) omit the definition of “LVSW clinical lead”;
- (e) in the definition of “device order”—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “LVSW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
- (f) omit the definition of “the host LHB”;
- (g) in the definition of “the LHBs” omit “(including Hywel Dda University Health Board)”;
- (h) in the definition of “the LVSW”—
 - (i) omit “national”;
 - (ii) for “and rehabilitation support as outlined in the LVSW manual for clients” substitute “, support and signposting for persons who require such assessments”;
 - (iii) after “low vision aids to clients” insert “and certification of visual impairment in optometry”;
- (i) omit the definition of “the LVSW Manager”;
- (j) omit the definition of “the LVSW Manual”;
- (k) omit the definition of “the LVSW SOP”;
- (l) in the definition of “running costs”—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “managing the delivery of the LVSW” substitute “providing professional, administrative and technical services for the running of the LVSW committee”;
- (m) for the definition of “the SSP” substitute—

““the SSP” means National Health Service Wales Shared Services Partnership Committee⁽¹⁾ which exercises Velindre University NHS Trust’s

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functions in relation to administrative, professional and technical services to the health service in Wales;”;

(n) in the appropriate places insert—

““the Clinical Manual” means the clinical manual for the LVSW and other optometric services prepared and published by the SSP;

“the host NHS body” means Velindre University NHS Trust(1);

“National WGOS Clinical Lead” means a person who is employed by Velindre NHS Trust with responsibility for providing clinical leadership and support in relation to national optometric services;

“the SOPs” means the standard operating procedures for the LVSW and other optometric services prepared and published by the SSP;

“Velindre NHS Trust” means Velindre University National Health Service Trust established by the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993(2).”.

(8) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 (Funding arrangements—

(a) for paragraph 2.1 substitute—

“2.1 The LHBs are responsible for arranging the provision of the LVSW (as outlined in the Clinical Manual) for clients within their locality, including assessments of clients in their own home. The LHBs will receive funding within their general allocation for arranging the provision of the LVSW (including the costs of reimbursing accredited practitioners for the delivery of the LVSW). All other running costs will be met by the host NHS body through its general allocation, except that the costs for the training and accreditation of accredited practitioners to undertake the LVSW will be met by Health Education and Improvement Wales(3).”.

(b) for paragraph 2.2 substitute—

“2.2 the LHBs must not use the funding provided within their general allocation for the provision of the LVSW for any other purpose.

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(2) S.I. 1993/2838, amended by S.I. 1999/826; S.I. 2002/442 (W.57); S.I. 2002/2199 (W.219); S.I. 2009/2059 (W.178); S.I. 2012/1262 (W. 157); S.I. 2017/912 (W.223); S.I. 2018/887 (W.176); S.I. 2021/232 (W.58) and S.I. 2022/251 (W.77).

(3) Established by S.I. 2017/913 (W.224).

The host NHS body must not use the funding provided within its general allocation in respect of the running costs for any other purpose.”

- (c) in paragraph 2.3, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (d) in paragraph 2.4, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (e) in paragraph 2.5(b), for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (f) in paragraph 2.6, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (g) in paragraph 2.8, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (h) in paragraph 2.11, for “host LHB” in each place it occurs substitute “host NHS body”;
- (i) in paragraph 2.12, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (j) in paragraph 2.13 for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”.

(9) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 (Service delivery)—

- (a) in paragraph 3.1—
 - (i) in the words before paragraph (a), omit “and the host LHB”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “LVSW SOPs and LVSW Manual” substitute “SOPs and the Clinical Manual”;
- (b) in paragraph 3.2, for “LVSW Manual and the LVSW SOP” substitute “Clinical Manual and the SOPs”;
- (c) for paragraph 3.3 substitute—

“3.3 Any concerns, incidents or complaints which occur as a consequence of the provision of the LVSW in a LHB’s area must be investigated by that LHB in accordance with the National Health Service (Concerns, Complaints and Redress Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2011⁽¹⁾ and any other process requirements set out in the Clinical Manual.”

(10) In paragraph 4 (Call-off supplier contracts)—

- (a) in paragraph 4.1, for “host LHB” in both places it occurs substitute “NHS body”;
- (b) in paragraph 4.2—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;

(1) S.I. 2011/704 (W.108), amended by S.I. 2013/235; S.I. 2013/898 (W.102); S.I. 2022/634; S.I. 2023/274 (W.41); S.I. 2023/281 (W.42) and S.I. 2023/1053 (W.179).

- (ii) for “LVSW clinical lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;
 - (c) in paragraph 4.3, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (11) In paragraph 5 (Low Vision Aid/Device Orders)—
 - (a) in paragraph 5.1—
 - (i) in the words before paragraph (a), for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (a), for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (b) in paragraph 5.2, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (c) in paragraph 5.3, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”.
- (12) In paragraph 6 (Low Vision Service Wales Manual)—
 - (a) for the heading substitute “Clinical Manual and SOPs”;
 - (b) omit paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2;
 - (c) in paragraph 6.3—
 - (i) omit paragraph (a);
 - (ii) in paragraph (b)—
 - (aa) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (bb) for “LVSW Manual and the LVSW SOPs” substitute “Clinical Manual and the SOPs”.
- (13) In paragraph 7 (Reimbursement of LVSW accredited practitioner fee to LHBs)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “to LHBs”;
 - (b) for paragraph 7.1 substitute—

“7.1 Having provided the LVSW to a client, an accredited practitioner must send the record of services and the claim for payment for those services to the host NHS body. Following consideration of the record of services and the claim for payment, the host NHS body will either—

 - (a) accept the record of services and the claim for payment and refer it for payment; or
 - (b) query the record of services and claim for payment.”;
 - (c) in paragraph 7.2—
 - (i) for “SSP” substitute “LVSW committee”;
 - (ii) omit “assessment”;

- (d) in paragraph 7.3, after “breakdown” omit “down”;
 - (e) in paragraph 7.4 for “host LHB” in both places it occurs substitute “host NHS body”.
- (14) In paragraph 8.1 (Audit), for “LVSW SOP” substitute “SOPs and the Clinical Manual”;
- (15) In paragraph 9 (Confidentiality and publicity)—
- (a) in paragraph 9.1—
 - (i) for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
 - (ii) for “1998” substitute “2018”;
 - (b) in paragraph 9.2, for “host LHB” in both places it occurs substitute “host NHS body”.
- (16) For paragraph 10.1 (Contact points) substitute—
- “10.1 All communications from the LHBs to the host NHS body and/or the LVSW committee regarding any aspect of the LVSW must be made formally in writing and addressed to the LVSW committee, Mamhilad Park Estate, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 0YP. The host NHS body and National WGOS Clinical Leads will agree on the appropriate course of action to answer all communications received and will provide a full written response or interim reply within 7 days and full written response as soon as practicably possible”.
- (17) In paragraph 11 (Accreditation requirements)—
- (a) in paragraph 11.1(b), for “LVSW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
 - (b) in paragraph 11.1(c)—
 - (i) for “LVSW clinical lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;
 - (ii) omit “, LVSW Manager”;
 - (c) in paragraph 11.1(d)—
 - (i) for “Low Vision” substitute “LVSW”;
 - (ii) for “LVSW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”;
 - (d) in paragraph 11.2—
 - (i) for “Low Vision Service” substitute “LVSW”;
 - (ii) for “LVSW clinical lead” substitute “National WGOS Clinical Leads”;
 - (iii) for “LVSW Manual” substitute “Clinical Manual”.
- (18) In paragraph 12 (Conditions of Supply)—
- (a) in paragraph 12.1—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “LVSW host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;

- (ii) in paragraph (b), for “LVSW host LHB” in each place it occurs substitute “host NHS body”;
- (iii) in paragraph (c), for “LVSW host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”;
- (b) in paragraph 12.2, for “host LHB” substitute “host NHS body”.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Cunniff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Deputy Director, Primary Care Division, under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Dated: 20 October 2023