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

**Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of
Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2024**

Made

18 April 2024

Coming into force

19 April 2024

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections, 45, 203(9) and (10) and 204(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006^(a) and after consulting in accordance with section 45(4) of that Act with the bodies appearing to them to be representative of persons to whose remuneration these Directions relate, give the following Directions.

Title, application and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2024.

(2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards. They relate to the payments to be made by Local Health Boards to a GMS contractor under a GMS contract.

(3) These Directions are made on 18 April 2024 and come into force on 19 April 2024, and have effect from 1 April 2024.

Amendment to the Statement of Financial Entitlements

2. The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013^(b) which came into force on 11 June 2013, as amended by Directions listed in Annex J of the Schedule to these Directions, are further amended as follows.

Amendment of the Table of Contents

3. In the TABLE OF CONTENTS, in PART 2—

- (a) in the heading “*QUALITY AND IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK*”, omit “*AND*”;
- (b) in the list of sub-headings in section 5. ACCESS, for “2023” substitute “2024” in each place it occurs;
- (c) for the heading to section “6. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT” substitute “6. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DOMAIN PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONTHLY ASPIRATION PAYMENTS Q1 YEAR FROM 1 APRIL”;

(a) 2006 c. 42.
(b) 2013 No. 8.

(d) in section 6. for the list of sub-headings substitute—

**“General Provisions relating to the Quality Improvement Domain
Payment arrangements for Monthly Aspiration Payments QI year from 1 April”.**

Amendment of Part 1 – Global Sum and Practice Support Monthly Payments

4. In section 2: Global Sum Payments, for paragraph 2.17 substitute—

“**2.17.** Beginning with 1 April 2024, the value of a QIF point for QI must be recalculated each year after the NARP has been established and applies to the current QI year, subject to any uplift that may or may not be applied.

2.18. The revised QIF point value for QI is to be calculated by multiplying the previous QI point value by the fraction produced by dividing the newly established NARP that applies for the forthcoming QI year by the NARP that applied to the previous QI year. The calculation is expressed as—

Revised QIF point value for the following QIF QI year =

$$\text{Previous QIF point value} \times \frac{\text{Newly established NARP for the forthcoming QIF QI year}}{\text{NARP for the previous QIF QI year”}}$$

Amendment of Part 2 – Quality Improvement Framework

5. In section 5: Access—

(a) for paragraph 5.3.1 substitute—

“**5.3.1.** All existing patient facing staff who have not previously undertaken the national care navigation training package provided by HEIW in the period beginning with 1 April 2022 and ending with 31 March 2024 are required to undertake that training, and new patient facing staff must complete the training within 3 months of commencing their employment beginning with their start date. Practices will supply names of new starters and the date training was undertaken along with names of existing staff who undertake the training.”;

(b) in the heading to paragraph 5.9, for “2023” substitute “2024 to 31 March 2025”;

(c) in the heading to paragraph 5.10, for “2023” substitute “2024 to 31 March 2025”;

(d) in paragraph 5.10, for “£189” substitute “£198”.

6. In “Section 6: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT” for paragraphs 6.1 to 6.26 substitute—

“General Provisions relating to the Quality Improvement Domain

6.1. The QI domain is based on QI projects the practice will complete.

6.2. The QI projects that the contractors must complete will be set out here in due course.

6.3 The total points available for the QI domain is 170 for the QIF (QI) year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Payment arrangements for Monthly Aspiration Payments QI year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

6.4. Aspiration Payments are a payment made in advance of Achievement Payments being calculated under the QI domain of the QIF.

6.5. The contractor is only entitled to receive Aspiration Payments if they received an Achievement Payment for a QI project as part of the 2022 to 2024 QAIF cycle.

6.6. The QI points value for Achievement Payments will be £198.

6.7. Aspiration Payments are to be made by calculating 70% of the 170 achievement points available at 1 April 2024 under the QI domain divided by 12 multiplied by CPI at 1 April 2024.

6.8. If a contractor's GMS contract takes effect after 1 April 2024 in the QIF (QI) year the monthly Aspiration Payment is to be agreed between the contractor and the LHB.

6.9. The LHB must pay the contractor under the contractor's GMS contract its Monthly Aspiration Payment. The Monthly Aspiration Payment is to fall due on the last day of each month.

6.10 If the contractor cannot evidence the completion of the QI projects, then the Local Health Board is entitled to recover any Aspiration Payments made."

Amendment of Annex A

7. In Annex A - Glossary—

(a) in Part 1 – Acronyms, in the list of acronyms, after “PSMP – Practice Support Monthly Payment” insert—

“QI – Quality Improvement;

QIF – Quality and Improvement Framework;”;

(b) in Part 2 – Definitions, in the list of definitions—

(i) for the definition of “National Average Registered Patients” substitute—

““National Average of Registered Patients” means the aggregate CRP of contractors in Wales, as calculated using the number of patients recorded on the Primary Care Registration System administered by NHS Digital as being registered with contractors on the 1 January divided by the number of contractors on 31 March in the QIF QI year immediately before the commencement of the QIF QI year to which the relevant payment relates;”;

(ii) after the definition of “Quarter” insert—

““QIF (Access) year” means the period 1 April to 31 March of any relevant year;

QIF (QI) year” means the period 1 April to 31 March of any relevant year;”.

Amendment of Annex J

8. For ANNEX J - AMENDMENTS substitute Annex J in the Schedule to these Directions.



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

Date: 18 April 2024

SCHEDULE

Direction 6

“ANNEX J – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Directions to the Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013, which came into force on 11 June 2013

- (a) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2013 (2013 No.60), which were made on 30 September 2013;
- (b) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2014 (2014 No.3), which were made on 16 June 2014;
- (c) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2014 (2014 No.17), which were made on 27 June 2014;
- (d) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2014 (2014 No.24), which were made on 30 September 2014;
- (e) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2015 (2015 No.7), which were made on 31 March 2015;
- (f) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 2) Directions 2015 (2015 No.14), which were made on 01 April 2015;
- (g) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 3) Directions 2015 (2015 No.15), which were made on 20 April 2015;
- (h) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No 4) Directions 2015 (2015 No.19), which were made on 25 June 2015;
- (i) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.5) Directions 2015, which were made on 30 September 2015;
- (j) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2016, which were made on 30 March 2016;
- (k) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2016, which were made on 11 April 2016;
- (l) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2016, which were made on 13 July 2016;
- (m) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2016 (2016 No.19), which were made on 16 August 2016;
- (n) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.5) Directions 2016 which were made on 15 December 2016;
- (o) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 6) Directions 2017 which were made on 31 January 2017;

- (p) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2017 which were made on 27 April 2017;
- (q) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2017 which were made on 9 August 2017;
- (r) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.3) Directions 2017 which were made on the 28 September 2017;
- (s) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2018 which were made on the 14 June 2018;
- (t) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2018 which were made on 19 November 2018;
- (u) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2019 which were made on 29 March 2019;
- (v) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2019 which were made on 28 June 2019;
- (w) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2019 which were made on 29 August 2019;
- (x) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2019 which were made on 30 September 2019;
- (y) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions 2019 which were made on 14 October 2019;
- (z) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2020 which were made on 24 March 2020;
- (aa) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2020 which were made on 22 June 2020;
- (bb) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2020 which were made on 15 July 2020;
- (cc) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2020 which were made on 16 September 2020;
- (dd) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions 2020 which were made on 2 November 2020;
- (ee) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2021 which were made on 19 April 2021;
- (ff) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2021 which were made on 31 August 2021;
- (gg) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.3) Directions 2021 which were made on 1 December 2021;
- (hh) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2022 which were made on 29 March 2022;
- (ii) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2022 which were made on 8 June 2022;

- (jj) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2022 which were made on 4 November 2022;
- (kk) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2022 which were made on 29 November 2022;
- (ll) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2023 which were made on 20 February 2023;
- (mm) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2023 which were made on 29 March 2023;
- (nn) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions 2023 which were made on 3 August 2023; and
- (oo) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2024 which were made on 8 February 2024.”