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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 2025**

Made

22 April 2025

Coming into force

23 April 2025

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 sections 45(3)(e) and 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. These Directions have retrospective effect and comply with the requirements of section 45(3)(e) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

Title, application, coming into force and effect

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 2025.

(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 22 April 2025 and come into force on 23 April 2025.

(4) These Directions have effect from 1 April 2025.

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 Part 1 – GLOBAL SUM AND MINIMUM PRACTICE INCOME
GUARANTEE – Section 2: GLOBAL SUM PAYMENTS**

3. After paragraph 2.8(a), insert “or,”.

4. In paragraph 2.17, omit “2024”.

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

Amendment of Part 1 – GLOBAL SUM AND MINIMUM PRACTICE INCOME GUARANTEE – Section 5: ACCESS

5. In paragraph 5.3.1—

- (a) for “2022”, substitute “2024”, and
- (b) for “2024”, substitute “2025”.

6. In paragraph 5.3.5, after “methods.” insert “The report must be completed and uploaded to the PCIP Access Reporting Tool on or before 31 March 2026.”.

7. In the heading of paragraph 5.4, before “Reflective Report” insert “Mid-Year and End-Year”.

8. For paragraphs 5.4 to 5.4.4. substitute—

“**5.4.** Practices are required to produce a mid-year and end-year reflective report (60 points).

5.4A. The mid-year reflective report needs to include points 5.4A.1 and 5.4A.2 below and all the requirements in Annex H - Guidance on the practice requirements under the GMS Access Standards for 2025-26 which can be found at <https://www.gov.wales/contract-implementation-guidance-providers-general-medical-services-gms-0>.

5.4A.1. Service delivery and communication - Practices should reflect on the challenges of service delivery and communicating with patients outlining actions to overcome those challenges.

5.4A.1. Patient Engagement - All practices have a clear understanding of patient needs and demands within their practices and how these can be met.

5.4B. The end-year reflective report needs to include points 5.4B.1 to 5.4B.4 below and all the requirements in Annex G - Guidance on the practice requirements under the GMS Access Standards for 2025-26 which can be found at <https://www.gov.wales/contract-implementation-guidance-providers-general-medical-services-gms-0>. Practices must—

5.4B.1. Produce an Equality Impact Assessment to review population and access needs;

5.4B.2. Utilise results of the national patient experience survey to develop an action plan which will demonstrate how practices plan to move forward with implementing and communicating change effectively;

5.4B.3. Detail how they have reflected on patient experience and can demonstrate improvements made, with improvements made to be discussed at collaborative level; and

5.4B.4. Use intelligence from their telephony system to show how they have interrogated the data, and evidence call demand comparisons.”

9. In the heading of paragraph 5.9, for “1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025”, substitute “1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026”.

10. In the heading of paragraph 5.10, for “1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025”, substitute “1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026”.

11. In paragraph 5.10, for “£198” substitute “£199”.

Amendment of Part 1 – GLOBAL SUM AND MINIMUM PRACTICE INCOME GUARANTEE – Section 6: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

12. For paragraphs 6.1 to 6.20 substitute—

“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 year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Payment arrangements for Monthly Aspiration Payments QI year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

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 the QI projects for the QIF year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

6.6. The QI points value for Achievement Payments will be £199.

6.7. Aspiration Payments are to be made by calculating 70% of the 170 achievement points available at 1 April 2025 under the QI domain divided by 12 multiplied by CPI at 1 April 2025.

6.8. If a contractor's GMS contract takes effect after 1 April 2025 in the QIF 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 D

13. Omit Annex D.

Amendment of Annex E

14. Omit Annex E.

Amendment of Annex J

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



Signed by Alex Slade, Director of Primary Care, Mental Health and Early Years under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 22 April 2025

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“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) Directions 2023 which were made on 29 November 2023;
- (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;
- (oo) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2024 which were made on 8 February 2024;
- (pp) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2024 which were made on 18 April 2024;
- (qq) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.3) Directions 2024 which were made on 10 October 2024;
- (rr) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2024 which were made on 26 November 2024;
and
- (ss) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2025 which were made on 6 February 2025.”