

## **NWSI 2026 No. 71**

### **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

#### **Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2026**

*Made*

*31 March 2026*

*Coming into force*

*in accordance with Direction 1(3)*

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 coming into force**

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions 2026.

(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 31 March 2026 and come into force on 1 April 2026 except for Directions 4, 5, 6 and 7 which come into force on 28 March 2026.

#### **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 K of the Schedule to these Directions, are further amended as follows.

#### **Amendment of Section 2 – GLOBAL SUM PAYMENTS**

3. For paragraphs 2.2 to 2.4A, substitute –

“**2.2.** At the start of each financial year or, if a GMS contract starts after the start of the financial year, from the date on which the GMS contract takes effect, LHBs must calculate for each contractor its first Initial Global Sum Monthly Payment (“Initial GSMP”) value for the financial year. This calculation is to be made by first establishing the contractor’s Contractor Registered Population (CRP)—

(a) at the start of the financial year, or

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

(b) if the contract takes effect after the start of the financial year, on the date on which the GMS contract takes effect.

**2.3.** Once the contractor's CRP has been established, this number is to be adjusted by the Global Sum Allocation Formula, a summary of which is included in Annex B of this SFE. The resulting figure is the contractor's Weighted Population for the quarter.

**2.3A.** The global sum £ per patient from 1 April 2025 is £136.20.

**2.3B.** From 1 April 2026, the Resilience Fund, which comprises one of the 3 funds to support the community-by-design transformation programme, comprises £10.65 million and is to be added to the global sum. This £10.65 million equates to £3.02 per patient.

**2.3C.** The global sum £ per patient from 1 April 2026 is £136.20 + £3.02 = £139.22.

**2.3D.** From 1 April 2026, the figure in 2.3 being the contractor's Weighted Population, is to be multiplied by £139.22.

**2.4.** Then, the LHB will need to add the total produced by paragraph 2.3D to the annual amount of the contractor's Temporary Patients Adjustment. The method of calculating contractors' Temporary Patients Adjustments is set out in Annex C. The resulting amount is then to be divided by twelve, and the resulting amount from that calculation is the contractor's first Initial GSMP for the financial year.

**2.5.** £2.70 of the figure of £136.20 in paragraph 2.3A is to account for the agreed 4% increase in annual remuneration to practice staff employed by the GMS contractor and which GMS contractors must reflect as at least a 4% pay increase for those staff beginning on 1 April 2025. This 4% increase must be applied to relevant staff's pay after the statutory increase for the national minimum and living wages has been applied. The LHB may recover this amount from a GMS contractor in accordance with section 19 if it becomes apparent that the GMS contractor has not increased the remuneration of their practice staff in this way by at least 4% above their existing pay level or the statutory national minimum and living wages for the financial year 2025/2026."

### **Amendment of section 13**

4. In Section 13 (payments for locums to cover suspended doctors), in paragraph 13.2, for "13(17)", substitute "15(2)".

### **Amendment of section 16**

5. In Section 16.2(b), for "National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004", substitute "the Performers Lists Regulations".

### **Amendment of section 19**

6. In Section 19.9, for "13(17)", substitute "15(2)".

### **Amendment of Glossary (Annex A)**

7. In the Definitions,

(1) Omit the definition for "Performers Lists Regulations" and substitute with "'Performers Lists Regulations" means the National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2026(a);"

(2) In the definition of “Medical Performers List”, for “3(1) of the Performers Lists Wales Regulations”, substitute “2 of the Performers List Regulations”.

**Amendment of Annex K**

8. For ANNEX K (AMENDMENTS) substitute ANNEX K (AMENDMENTS) in Schedule 1 to these Directions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Casey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**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: 31 March 2026**

## SCHEDULE 1

Direction 13

### “ANNEX K – 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,
- (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,
- (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,
- (ss) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2025 which were made on 6 February 2025,
- (tt) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.2) Directions 2025 which were made on 22 April 2025,
- (uu) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.3) Directions 2025 which were made on 6 June 2025,
- (vv) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No.4) Directions 2025 which were made on 22 July 2025,
- (ww) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 5) Directions 2025 which were made on 6 August 2025,
- (xx) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 6) Directions 2025 which were made on 16 December 2025.",
- (yy) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 7) Directions 2025 which were made on 16 December 2025.",
- (zz) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 1) Directions 2026 which were made on 1 January 2026.",
- (aaa) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 2) Directions 2026 which were made on 16 January 2026, and
- (bbb) Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No 3) Directions 2026 which were made on 10 March 2026.""