

WG24-04

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

**Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of
Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions 2024**

Made 08 February 2024

Coming into force 09 February 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) 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 08 February 2024 and come into force on 09 February 2024.

(4) Direction 3 has effect from 1st April 2023, the rest of the directions have effect from 1 October 2023.

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 Section 2 (Global Sum Payments)

3. In Part 1 Section 2 (Global Sum Payments)—

(a) For paragraph 2.3 substitute—

“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, which is the contractor’s Weighted Population for the quarter, is to be multiplied by £117.48 for the period beginning with 1 April 2023.”

(b) For paragraph 2.4A substitute—

2.4A. £2.71 of the figure of £117.48 in paragraph 2.3 is to account for the agreed 5% increase in annual remuneration to practice staff employed by the GMS contractor and which GMS contractors must reflect as at least a 5% pay increase for those staff beginning with 1 April 2023. 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 by at least 5% for the financial year 2023/2024.”

Amendment of Annex G (Dispensing Payments)

4. In Annex G (dispensing payments)—

- (a) for Part 2 (dispensing feescala for contractors that are authorised or required to provide dispensing services) substitute—

“PART 2

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE AUTHORISED OR REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

To apply from 1 October 2023 up to and including 31 March 2024

| Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands | Prices per prescription in pence |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Up to 464 | 207.4 |
| 465 – 581 | 204.4 |
| 582 – 698 | 201.7 |
| 699 – 813 | 199.1 |
| 814 – 931 | 196.8 |
| 932 – 1045 | 194.7 |
| 1046 – 1453 | 192.6 |
| 1454 – 2034 | 190.8 |
| 2035 – 2324 | 189.2 |

| Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands | Prices per prescription in pence |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2325 – 2906 | 187.7 |
| 2907 – 3485 | 186.4 |
| 3486 – 4067 | 185.3 |
| 4068 – 4646 | 184.3 |
| 4647 and over | 183.6 |

To apply from 1 April 2024

| Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands | Prices per prescription in pence |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Up to 464 | 235.0 |
| 465 – 581 | 231.6 |
| 582 – 698 | 228.6 |
| 699 – 813 | 225.7 |
| 814 – 931 | 223.0 |
| 932 – 1045 | 220.6 |
| 1046 – 1453 | 218.3 |
| 1454 – 2034 | 216.3 |
| 2035 – 2324 | 214.4 |

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| 2325 – 2906 | 212.7 |
| 2907 – 3485 | 211.2 |
| 3486 – 4067 | 210.0 |
| 4068 – 4646 | 208.9 |
| 4647 and over | 208.1 |

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- (b) for Part 3 (dispensing feescala for contractors that are not authorised or required to provide dispensing services) substitute—

“PART 3

DISPENSING FEESCALE FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE NOT AUTHORISED OR REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DISPENSING SERVICES

To apply from 1 October 2023 up to and including 31 March 2024

| Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands | Prices per prescription in pence |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Up to 464 | 216.1 |
| 465 – 581 | 213.1 |
| 582 - 698 | 210.4 |
| 699 - 813 | 207.9 |
| 814 - 931 | 205.6 |
| 932 - 1045 | 203.4 |
| 1046 - 1453 | 201.3 |

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| 1454 - 2034 | 199.5 |
| 2035 - 2324 | 197.9 |
| 2325 - 2906 | 196.4 |
| 2907 - 3485 | 195.1 |
| 3486 - 4067 | 194.0 |
| 4068 - 4646 | 193.0 |
| 4647 and over | 192.3 |

To apply from 1 April 2024

| Total prescriptions calculated separately for each individual dispensing practitioner, in bands | Prices per prescription in pence |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Up to 464 | 244.8 |
| 465 – 581 | 241.5 |
| 582 - 698 | 238.5 |
| 699 - 813 | 235.5 |
| 814 - 931 | 233.0 |
| 932 - 1045 | 230.5 |
| 1046 - 1453 | 228.2 |
| 1454 - 2034 | 226.1 |

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|---------------|-------|
| 2035 - 2324 | 224.2 |
| 2325 - 2906 | 222.5 |
| 2907 - 3485 | 221.1 |
| 3486 - 4067 | 219.9 |
| 4068 - 4646 | 218.7 |
| 4647 and over | 218.0 |

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Amendment of Annex J

5. 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 Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 08 February 2024

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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) (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; and
- (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.”