

Amendments to the Model Standing Orders and Reservation and Delegation of Powers for Local Health Board following the establishment of the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee

On 1 April 2024 the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) and the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (EASC) will cease to exist. They are to be replaced by the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee. The new Joint Commissioning Committee will take on the functions of the former EASC and WHSSC together with commissioning of 111 and Sexual Assault and Referral Centres.

As a result of the establishment of the new Joint Commissioning Committee the following amendments are required to the LHB Model Standing Orders:

Remove the following paragraphs:

- xi) **The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (Wales) Directions 2009 (2009/35)** provide that the seven LHBs in Wales will work jointly to exercise functions relating to the planning and securing of specialised and tertiary services and for the purpose of jointly exercising those functions will establish the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (“WHSSC”). Under powers set out in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the NHS (Wales) Act 2006, the Welsh Ministers have made the **Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/3097)**, which make provision for the constitution and membership of the WHSSC including its procedures and administrative arrangements.

- xii) **The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (Wales) Directions 2014 (2014/8)** as amended by the **Emergency Ambulance Services (Wales) Amendment Directions 2016 (2016/8)** provide that the seven LHBs in Wales will work jointly to exercise functions relating to the planning and securing of emergency ambulance services and for the purpose of jointly exercising those functions will establish the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (“EASC”). Under powers set out in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the NHS (Wales) Act 2006, the Minister has made **The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (Wales) Regulations 2014 (2014/566)** which make provision for the constitution and membership of the EASC including its procedures and administrative arrangements.

and replace with:

- xi) **The National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Directions 2024 (WG24-06)** provide that the seven LHBs in Wales will establish a joint committee to exercise the functions of planning, securing and commissioning:
 - (a) specialised services for –
 - (i) cancer and blood disorders,
 - (ii) cardiac conditions,

- (iii) mental health and vulnerable groups,
- (iv) neurosciences, and
- (v) women and children,
- (b) services where there is agreement between the Local Health Boards that they should be arranged on a regional and national basis,
- (c) emergency medical services,
- (d) non-emergency patient transport services,
- (e) emergency medical retrieval and transfer services,
- (f) NHS 111 services,
- (g) sexual assault referral centres, and
- (h) other services as directed by the Welsh Ministers.

Under powers set out in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the NHS (Wales) Act 2006, the Welsh Ministers have made the **National Health Service Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Regulations 2024 (2024 No. 135 (W29))**, which make provision for the constitution and membership of the Joint Commissioning Committee, including its procedures and administrative arrangements.

Renumber paragraphs after xi)

Paragraph 3.2 – Joint Committees

Remove paragraph 3.2.3

- 3.2.3 The Board shall establish, as a minimum, the following joint-Committees:
- The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).
 - The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

and replace with

- 3.2.3 The Board shall establish, as a minimum, the following joint-Committee(s):
- The National Health Service Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)

Section 10 - GAINING ASSURANCE ON THE CONDUCT OF LHB BUSINESS

Remove paragraph 10.0.4

- 10.0.4 Assurances in respect of the functions discharged by WHSSC and EASC shall achieved by the reports of the respective Joint Committee Chair, and reported back by the Chief Executive. Reference should be made to paragraph 3.2 above regarding the governance arrangements which should be agreed for each of the Joint Committees.

and replace with

- 10.0.4 Assurances in respect of the functions discharged by the National Health

Services Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (the JCC) shall achieved by the reports of the JCC Chair, and reported back by the Chief Executive. Reference should be made to paragraph 3.2 above regarding the governance arrangements which should be agreed for each of the Joint Committees.

Schedule 1 – Model Scheme of Reservation and Delegation of Powers

Remove

THE BOARD		AREA	DECISIONS RESERVED TO THE BOARD
1	FULL	GENERAL	Board may determine any matter for which it has statutory or delegated authority in accordance with SOs (except for those decisions delegated to the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) or Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (EASC)).

and replace with

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1	FULL	GENERAL	Board may determine any matter for which it has statutory or delegated authority in accordance with SOs (except for those decisions delegated to the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (the JCC)).

Schedule 4 – Joint Committee Arrangements

Remove

Schedule 4.1 – Welsh Health Services Specialised Services Committee

Schedule 4.2 – Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

and replace with

Schedule 4.1 – National Health Service Wales Joint Commissioning Committee