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Chairs of Local Health Boards

18 March 2024

Dear Chairs

**Interim Review of Model Standing Orders, Reservation and Delegation of Powers – Local Health Boards and development of new Model Standing Orders and Reservation and Delegation of Powers for the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee**

As you are aware the new NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee will be established from 1 April 2024 as a Joint Committee of the seven Health Boards. This is in accordance with the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Directions 2024.

In preparation for the establishment of the new Joint Committee Model Standing Orders and a Scheme of Reservation and Delegation of Powers have been developed. It has also been necessary to make some amendments to the Local Health Board Model Standing and Reservation and Delegation of Powers. These amendments also remove all references to the Welsh Health Services Commissioning Committee (WHSSC) and the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (EASC) which will cease to exist on 31 March 2024.

The amendments to the Local Health Board documents and the issuing of Model documents for the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee are in accordance with my powers of direction contained within Section 12(3) of the National Health Services (Wales) Act 2006.

These amendments supersede those issued on 27 July 2023 and as confirmed in Welsh Health Circular WHC2023/032. A new WHC will be published to confirm this.

Your Board is required to incorporate and adopt this latest review into your organisations Standing Orders and Reservation and Delegation of Powers. The NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Standing Orders form part of Schedule 4 of the Local Health Board Model Standing Orders.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Model Standing Financial Instructions for the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee are under development these will be issued in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

**Eluned Morgan AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services

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