

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

**SUBORDINATE
LEGISLATION**

2006 No. 24

**NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE ACT 1977**

**DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL
HEALTH BOARDS AND NHS
TRUSTS IN WALES 2006**

Made 3 April 2006

Coming into force 3 April 2006

The National Assembly for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16BB(4), 17(1), 97F(8) and 126(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1) hereby gives the following directions —

Commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions come into force on 3 April 2006 and apply to every Local Health Board and NHS trust in Wales.

(2) These Directions apply in relation to Wales.

(3) In these Directions —

“the Principal Directions” (“*y Prif Gyfarwyddiadau*”) means the Directions to Local Health Boards and NHS trusts in Wales concerning Arrangements for the Funding of Technology Appraisal Guidance from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) dated 23 October 2003(2).

(4) These Directions amend the Principal Directions.

(1) 1977 (c.49). Section 17 was substituted by section 12(1) of the Health Act 1999 (c.8) (“the 1999 Act”) and was amended by Schedule 5, Part I, paragraph 5(1) and (3), to the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c.15). Sections 16BB and 97F were added by sections 6 and 9 respectively of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c.17). The functions under section 17 and 126(4) are, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the Assembly by article 2(a) of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999, (S.I. 1996/672).

(2) The Principal Directions were amended by Directions dated 23 December 2003, 4 March 2004 and 8 February 2005.

Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Principal Directions

2.—(1) In paragraph 3(2) of the Principal Directions (Exempt Technology Appraisal Guidance) delete subparagraph (c).

(2) In paragraph 3 of the Principal Directions (Exempt Technology Appraisal Guidance) at the end of paragraph 3(1)(A) insert as paragraph 3(1)(B) the following —

“(1)(B) In respect of the Technology Appraisal Guidance (No. 60) on the use of patient-education models for diabetes dated 2 May 2003, paragraph 2 of these Directions applies except that the words “a date not later than three months from the date of that Technology Appraisal Guidance” will be replaced by the words “3 April 2006”.”

Signed

Date 3 April 2006

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