

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

**SUBORDINATE
LEGISLATION**

2006 No. 47

CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

**NATIONAL MINIMUM
STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE
AND VOLUNTARY
HEALTHCARE SERVICES
2006**

Made 27 June 2006

Coming into force 6 July 2006

The National Assembly for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 23 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (1), hereby makes a statement amending the statement of National Minimum Standards for Private and Voluntary Healthcare Services.

Commencement, application and interpretation

- 1.—(1) This statement comes into force on 6 July 2006.
- (2) This statement applies in relation to Wales.
- (3) In this statement “the original statement” means “National Minimum Standards for Private and Voluntary Healthcare Services” published on 17 April 2002.

Amendment of the original statement

2. The original statement is amended as follows:-
 1. The title of Chapter 15 in the English language text substitute “Introduction to Standards PD1 to PD12” for “Introduction to Standards PD1 to PD8”

(1) 2000 c.14. The powers are exercisable by the appropriate Minister, who is defined in section 121(1) in relation to Wales as the National Assembly for Wales

2. After Standard PD7 insert

“Independent Medical Agencies

The standards aim to provide patients with quality assurance about such agencies.

See also, in particular, regulations 47 of the Private and Voluntary Health Care Regulations.

Arrangements for Provision of Treatment

OUTCOME

Patients are assured that appropriate arrangements for all aspects of their treatment are in place.

STANDARD PD9

- PD9.1 The medical history of the patient is ascertained before any treatment is provided.
- PD9.2 Patients are advised of the expected fee for the proposed treatment or consultation in advance of treatment being initiated.
- PD9.3 Where potentially serious conditions or those of clinical significance are identified there are referral systems in place to guarantee appropriate follow-up.

Prescribing

OUTCOME

Medication is prescribed safely and effectively.

STANDARD PD10

- PD10.1 There are policies in place for the effective prescribing of medication, which are in line with published evidence.
- PD10.2 Patients are given information about the medications that are prescribed to them including how to take them,

the benefits and possible side effects.

PD10.3 The prescribing of antidepressants and benzodiazepines are monitored regularly in the light of evidence-based guidelines.

PD10.4 There is a record of the drugs stored by the agency.

Pathology services

OUTCOME

Patients are assured that effective pathology services are in place.

STANDARD PD11

PD11.1 There are written procedures for the accurate recording and labelling of all specimens.

PD11.2 Specimens are stored at the appropriate temperature.

PD11.3 There is a written agreement with a laboratory for the provision of pathology services.

PD11.4 There are written procedures for the transfer and transportation of specimens, including arrangements for the protection of those handling such items in transit.

INFORMATION TO GPS

OUTCOME

Patients are offered the opportunity to give or refuse consent for information on their treatment to be passed to their normal GP.

STANDARD PD12

PD 12.1 The registered person ensures that there is a policy in place for asking the patient to formally agree to give, or refuse, consent to inform their

normal GP of any treatment or medication provided.

PD12.2 If the patient gives consent, details are sent to the patient's GP within a locally agreed timescale, but which is not more than 4 weeks.

PD12.3 If the patient does not give consent for details to be sent to his/her GP, a summary of the treatment provided is given direct to the patient so that he/she has it for future reference, to pass to the GP.

Signed on behalf of National Assembly for Wales

Date: 27 June 2006

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