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**NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE, WALES**

**The Digital Health and Care Wales
Directions 2020**

The Welsh Ministers make the following Directions in exercise of the power conferred by sections 23(1) and 24(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(1).

Title and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Digital Health and Care Wales Directions 2020.

(2) These Directions come into force on 30 December 2020.

(3) These Directions are given to Digital Health and Care Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006;

“the Order” (“*y Gorchymyn*”) means the Digital Health and Care Wales (Establishment and Membership) Order 2020(2);

“DHCW” (“*IGDC*”) means Digital Health and Care Wales established by article 2 of the Order;

“digital platforms, systems and services” (“*plafformau, systemau a gwasanaethau digidol*”) means hardware, software and other arrangements for the digital collection, storage, processing, analysis, use and dissemination of health service data;

“health service data” (“*data gwasanaethau iechyd*”) means data processed for or in connection with the provision or promotion of services under the Act.

(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) The Digital Health and Care Wales (Establishment and Membership) Order 2020

Preparatory functions

3.—(1) The Welsh Ministers direct DHCW to develop operational, governance, financial and other arrangements for the purpose of ensuring that from 1st April 2021 there will be an effective system in place to enable DHCW to exercise its functions specified in article 3 of the Order.

(2) DHCW must carry out its functions under subparagraph (1), which are preparatory, for the purposes of ensuring that from 1st April 2021 DHCW is in a position to exercise its substantive functions as the Welsh Ministers may direct.



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