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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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Coming into force 2006

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions come into force on [] 2006 and apply to every NHS Trust in Wales and Powys Local Health Board.

(2) These Directions apply in relation to Wales.

(3) In these Directions unless the context otherwise requires—

“non-officer members” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the Local Health Boards (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2003(2).

(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). Section 16BB was added by section 6 of the National Healthcare Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c.17). The functions under 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. 1999/672).

(2) S.I. 2003/149 (W.19), as amended by S.I. 2004/1016 (W.113), S.I. 2004/1771 and S.I. 2005/3302 (W.256).

NHS Trusts

2. Each NHS Trust must nominate and publicise the nomination and identity of one of its non-executive directors to undertake the following:

- (a) to act as a 'patient's champion' on issues relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management, more particularly to:-
 - (i) communicate to appropriate Trust personnel relevant matters relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management in so far as concerning the provision of services by or for the Trust in Trust premises as may be raised to him or her by members of the public, Trust patients and Community Health Councils; and
 - (ii) advise members of the public, Trust patients and Community Health Councils as the case may be of the Trust response to any such matters raised under paragraph 2(a)(i) above; and
 - (iii) ensure the provision of relevant information relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management to Trust patients and members of the public as may be issued from time to time by the Trust.
- (b) to monitor the number and outcome of complaints which relate to cleaning, hygiene and infection management made to the Trust under their complaints procedure.
- (c) to report, on at least a quarterly basis, to the public part of full Trust board meetings, matters raised to him or her under paragraph (a) above together with any matters arising in connection with such matters.
- (d) to make the reports under paragraph 2(c) available to the Community Health Council or Community Health Councils for the area which the relevant Trust serves.
- (e) to ensure the reports under paragraph 2(c) are made available to the public.

Powys Local Health Board

3. Powys Local Health Board must nominate and publicise the nomination and identity of one of its non officer members to undertake the following:

- (a) to act as a 'patient's champion' on issues relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management, more particularly to:-
 - (i) communicate to appropriate Local Health Board personnel relevant matters relating to cleaning, hygiene and

infection management in so far as concerning the provision of services by or for the Local Health Board in Local Health Board premises as may be raised to him or her by members of the public, Local Health Board patients and Community Health Councils; and

- (ii) advise members of the public, Local Health Board patients and Community Health Councils as the case may be of the Local Health Board response to any such matters raised under paragraph 3(a)(i) above; and
 - (iii) ensure the provision of relevant information relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management to Local Health Board patients and members of the public as may be issued from time to time by the Local Health Board.
- (b) to monitor the number and outcome of complaints which relate to cleaning, hygiene and infection management made to the Local Health Board under their complaints procedure.
 - (c) to report, on at least a quarterly basis, to the public part of full Local Health Board meetings, matters raised to him or her under paragraph (a) above together with any matters arising in connection with such matters.
 - (d) to make the reports under paragraph 3(c) available to the Community Health Council or Community Health Councils for the area which the Local Health Board serves.
 - (e) to ensure the reports under paragraph 3(c) are made available to the public.

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales

Date

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