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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 678**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**WALES**

**The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health  
Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1998**

*Made* - - - - *26th February 1998*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 1998*

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of powers conferred by section 5(1) of and paragraphs 1, 3 and 6(2)(d) of Schedule 2 to the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990<sup>(1)</sup>, section 25(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1993<sup>(2)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after completion of the consultation prescribed under section 5(2) of that Act<sup>(3)</sup> and considering it appropriate to include, among the functions of the NHS trust established by this Order certain functions in relation to the provision of services by the trust for Health Authorities or Special Health Authorities<sup>(4)</sup> hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st April 1998.

(2) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990;

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“operational date” has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph 3(1)(e) of Schedule 2 to the Act;

“the trust” means Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust established by article 2 of this Order.

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(1) 1990 c. 19; paragraph 1 of Schedule is cited for the definition of “an order”; paragraphs 3 and 6 were amended by paragraph 85 of Schedule 1 to the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17) (“the 1995 Act”).

(2) 1993 c. 38.

(3) Section 5(2) was substituted by paragraph 69 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Act.

(4) See section 5(6) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19).

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1998. (See end of Document for details)*

**F1** Words in [art. 1\(2\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The National Health Service \(Cross-Border Healthcare and Miscellaneous Amendments etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/777\)](#), regs. 1(1), [7\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 15, Sch. 1](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1348](#), regs. 10-12);, 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**Commencement Information**

**I1** [Art. 1](#) in force at 1.4.1998, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

**Establishment of the trust**

2. There is hereby established an NHS trust which shall be called Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust or Ymddiriedolaeth Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru.

**Commencement Information**

**I2** [Art. 2](#) in force at 1.4.1998, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

**Nature and functions of the trust**

- 3.—(1) The trust is established for the purpose specified in section 5(1)(a) of the Act.
- (2) The trust’s functions shall be—
  - (a) to manage ambulance and associated transport services;
  - (b) to manage such other services (including communications and training) relating to the provision of care as can reasonably be carried out in conjunction with the management of ambulance and associated transport services from Ambulance Headquarters at—
    - (i) Caerleon House, Mamhilad Park Estate, Pontypool, NP4 OXF;
    - (ii) HM Stanley Hospital, St Asaph, LL17 OWA;
    - (iii) Cefn Coed Hospital, Cockett, Swansea, SA2 OGP; and
    - (iv) East Glamorgan General Hospital, Church Village, Pontypridd, CF38 1BS;
  - (c) to own the premises associated with the provision of the services in paragraphs (a) and (b)<sup>F2</sup>... [<sup>F3</sup>, <sup>F4</sup>...]
  - <sup>F5</sup>(d) .....
  - <sup>F6</sup>(e) to provide—
    - (i) information about health conditions and availability of health services; and
    - (ii) remote access health advisory, triage and referral services,
 for the purposes of the health service in Wales.]

**F2** Full stop in [art. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#) removed (25.10.2013) by [The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust \(Establishment\) \(Amendment\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2729\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(1\)](#)

**F3** Word in [art. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#) inserted (25.10.2013) by [The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust \(Establishment\) \(Amendment\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2729\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(1\)](#)

**F4** Word in [art. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#) omitted (5.4.2016) by virtue of [The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust \(Establishment\) \(Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/483\)](#), arts. 1(1), [2\(a\)](#)

- F5** Art. 3(2)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The National Health Service (Cross-Border Healthcare and Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/777), regs. 1(1), **7(b)** (with reg. 15, Sch. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1348, regs. 10-12); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Art. 3(2)(e) inserted (5.4.2016) by The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) (Amendment) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/483), arts. 1(1), **2(c)**

#### Commencement Information

- I3** Art. 3 in force at 1.4.1998, see **art. 1(1)**

### Directors of the trust

4. The trust shall have, in addition to the chairman [<sup>F7</sup>and vice-chair], [<sup>F8</sup>six] non-executive directors and [<sup>F9</sup>six] executive directors.

- F7** Words in art. 4 inserted (1.4.2022) by The National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/251), regs. 1(2), **18(a)**
- F8** Word in art. 4 substituted (1.4.2022) by virtue of The National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/251), regs. 1(2), **18(b)**
- F9** Word in art. 4 substituted (1.4.2022) by The National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/251), regs. 1(2), **18(c)**

#### Commencement Information

- I4** Art. 4 in force at 1.4.1998, see **art. 1(1)**

### Operational date and accounting date of the trust

- 5.—(1) The operational date of the trust shall be 1st April 1998.
- (2) The accounting date of the trust shall be 31st March.

#### Commencement Information

- I5** Art. 5 in force at 1.4.1998, see **art. 1(1)**

### Restriction on disposal of assets

6. The sum specified for the purposes of paragraph 6(2)(d) of Schedule 2 to the Act (maximum value of freely disposable assets) in relation to the trust shall be £1,000,000.

#### Commencement Information

- I6** Art. 6 in force at 1.4.1998, see **art. 1(1)**

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1998. (See end of Document for details)

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

*Win Griffiths*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh  
Office

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order establishes the Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust or Ymddiriedolaeth Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans Cymru as an NHS trust provided for in section 5 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990. It also provides for the functions of the trust (article 3). It specifies the operational date and accounting date of the trust (article 5). It specifies the value of assets in excess of which the Secretary of State is to consider the disposal of the asset (article 6).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1998.