
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The National Health Service (Ophthalmic Services) (Wales) Regulations 2023

PART 6

Miscellaneous

Disclosure of information

36.—(1) A Local Health Board may disclose information supplied to it or acquired by it pursuant to these Regulations to any of the following—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) any other Local Health Board or equivalent body, which to its knowledge—
 - (i) has a qualified practitioner, or a body corporate of which the qualified practitioner is a director, to whom that information relates included in any of its primary care lists or equivalent lists,
 - (ii) is considering an application from such a qualified practitioner, or a body corporate of which the qualified practitioner is known to be a director, for inclusion in any of its primary care lists or equivalent lists, or
 - (iii) has in its area any place where the qualified practitioner provides or assists in the provision of primary ophthalmic services;
- (c) the Secretary of State;
- (d) the Scottish Ministers;
- (e) the Northern Ireland Executive;
- (f) the General Medical Council, General Optical Council or any other licensing or regulatory body;
- (g) NHS Resolution;
- (h) any organisation or employer that, to the knowledge of the Local Health Board, employs or uses any of the services of the qualified practitioner, to whom that information relates, in a professional capacity;
- (i) any partnership, any of whose members provide or assist in the provision of primary ophthalmic services and of which, to the knowledge of the Local Health Board, the qualified practitioner is a member or that is considering inviting the qualified practitioner to become a member;
- (j) where an allegation of fraud is being considered, the NHS Counter Fraud Authority.

(2) The Local Health Board must disclose to the Welsh Ministers information supplied to it or acquired by it pursuant to these Regulations, as the Welsh Ministers may request.

Publication of information

37.—(1) The Local Health Board must make available for inspection at its offices, and at such other places in its area as appear to the Local Health Board to be convenient for informing any person interested, copies of—

- (a) these Regulations, and
- (b) the Statement.

(2) The Local Health Board is not required to make available copies of both documents referred to in paragraph (1) at every place at which it makes available copies of either of them.

Service of documents on contractors

38.—(1) Any document which is required or authorised under these Regulations to be given to a contractor may be given by—

- (a) delivering it to them, or
- (b) sending it addressed to them at—
 - (i) any address notified by the contractor to the Local Health Board for inclusion in the ophthalmic list as a place at which the person has undertaken to provide ophthalmic services, or
 - (ii) in the case of a mobile practice, the address notified to the Local Health Board as the address to which correspondence may be sent.

(2) In paragraph (1), “mobile practice” has the meaning given in Schedule 3.