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**The Emergency Ambulance Services
Committee (Wales) Regulations 2014**

PART 2

Membership of the joint committee

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3.—(1) The members of the joint committee consist of —

- (a) the chief officers or nominated representatives;
- (b) a chair; and
- (c) the officer member employed by the host Local Health Board.

(2) The officer member for the purposes of regulation 3(1)(c) is the person employed to undertake the functions of the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner in accordance with direction 3 of the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (Wales) Directions 2014(1).

(3) In addition there will be three associate members who will be the chief executives of Velindre National Health Service Trust, the Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust and the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust.

(4) Where a chief officer intends to nominate a representative for the purposes of regulation 3(1)(a), the nomination must be in writing addressed to the chair of the joint committee, and must specify whether the nomination is for a specific length of time.

Appointment of the chair and vice-chair

4.—(1) The chair is appointed by the Welsh Ministers.

(2) The joint committee must appoint a vice chair of the joint committee from amongst the chief officers or nominated representatives.

(3) Appointments made in accordance with paragraph (1) will be in accordance with the provisions in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(4) Where the joint committee appoints the vice- chair in accordance with paragraph (2) the appointment will be subject to standing orders relating to the joint committee.

(5) Where a chair is appointed in accordance with paragraph (1) regard must be had to the need to encourage diversity in the range of persons who may be appointed.

Eligibility requirements for members of the joint committee

5.—(1) Any person must fulfil the relevant requirements for eligibility in Schedule 2 to these Regulations before that person may be appointed as a chair of the joint committee and must continue to fulfil the relevant requirements while that person holds office.

(2) The officer member may only hold office on the joint committee provided he or she continues to exercise the functions of the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner.

(3) Any person appointed pursuant to regulation 4(2) to be a vice-chair or who is an associate member or chief officer of the joint committee will only hold office on the joint committee provided they continue to hold office as appropriate as a chief executive of a NHS Trust in Wales or a chief officer of a Local Health Board.

(4) A nominated representative of a chief officer may only hold office on the joint committee provided he or she continues to hold office as an officer member, as set out in regulation 3(2) of the Local Health Board (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2009, of the chief officer's Local Health Board.

Tenure of office of chair

6.—(1) This regulation applies to any person who is appointed as chair of the joint committee.

(2) Subject to these Regulations, a chair holds and vacates office in accordance with the terms of that person's appointment.

(3) A chair may be appointed for a period of no longer than four years.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) a chair may on the expiration of his or her term of office be re-appointed in accordance with regulation 4(1).

(5) A person may not hold office as a chair for the joint committee for a total period of more than eight years.

Tenure of office of vice-chair

7.—(1) This regulation applies to any person who is appointed as vice- chair of the joint committee.

(2) A vice-chair may be appointed for a period of no longer than two years.

(3) Subject to regulation 5(3) and paragraph (4) a vice-chair may on the expiration of his or her term of office on the joint committee be re-appointed in accordance with regulation 4(2).

(4) A person may not hold office as a vice-chair of the joint committee for a total period of more than four years.

(5) References to the tenure of office of the vice chair are to his or her appointment as a vice chair and not to his or her tenure of office as a member of the joint committee.

Termination of appointment of chair

8.—(1) The Welsh Ministers may immediately remove a chair from office if they determine that —

- (a) it is not in the interests of the health service in Wales; or
- (b) it is not conducive to the good management of the joint committee,

for that chair to continue to hold office.

(2) If it comes to the notice of the Welsh Ministers that a chair appointed has become ineligible under Schedule 2 to these Regulations, the Welsh Ministers may remove that chair from office.

(3) A chair appointed must immediately notify the joint committee and the Welsh Ministers if that chair becomes ineligible under Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(4) If a chair appointed has failed to attend any meeting of the joint committee for a period of six months or more, the Welsh Ministers may remove that chair from office unless they are satisfied that —

- (a) the absence was due to a reasonable cause; and
- (b) the chair will be able to attend such meetings within such period as the Welsh Ministers consider reasonable.

(5) A chair may at any time resign his or her office by notice in writing to the Welsh Ministers and each Local Health Board but subject to the terms of that chair's appointment.

Suspension of chair

9.—(1) Before making a decision to remove a chair from office under regulation 8, the Welsh Ministers may suspend the tenure of office of that chair for such period as they consider reasonable.

(2) Where a chair is suspended in accordance with paragraph (1), the Welsh Ministers will immediately notify that chair and each Local Health Board in writing, stating the reasons for his or her suspension.

(3) A chair whose appointment is suspended under paragraph (1) may not perform the functions of chair.