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## WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2023 No. 953

## The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2023

PROSPECTIVE

### PART 5

#### Contracts: required terms

##### Contract assurance

**25.—(1)** A contract must contain, in addition to the requirements in Schedule 3, a term requiring contractors to engage with the Local Health Board in the processes outlined in the latest published Assurance Framework by—

- (a) providing returns and data, or facilitating the supply of data, as required for management of the contract and to satisfy contract assurance requirements,
- (b) as required by the Assurance Framework, engaging with the Local Health Board in formal contract and governance practice review processes,
- (c) following each formal contract and governance practice review, producing a Practice Contract and Governance Framework Response Plan to address within an agreed period any concerns raised by the Local Health Board, and
- (d) if concerns need to be addressed through the escalation ladder levels of the Assurance Framework, working positively with the Local Health Board to resolve concerns.

**(2)** A contract must contain a term requiring the Local Health Board to follow the processes and take account of the principles outlined in the latest published Assurance Framework by—

- (a) using the Assurance Framework's nationally agreed indicators together with the self-reported assessment from the contractor, to identify the priorities in the contract assurance and governance process,
- (b) determining the nature and depth of the formal contract and governance practice review taking account of the priorities identified in the contract assurance and governance process,
- (c) engaging and working positively with the contractor to resolve concerns,
- (d) giving verbal feedback to the contractor during the visit, including any requirements for the contractor to address any immediate concerns,
- (e) sending written feedback in a Contract and Governance Visit Report to the contractor within 20 working days of the visit,
- (f) evaluating a Practice Contract and Governance Framework Response Plan within 20 working days of receipt,

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- (g) agreeing any date for follow up with the contractor, including to review whether any immediate concerns had been addressed satisfactorily, and
- (h) notifying the contractor if concerns need to be addressed through use of the escalation ladder levels of the Assurance Framework.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 25 in force at 1.10.2023, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- [reg. 25 coming into force by S.I. 2023/953 reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- [Sch. 3 para. 16\(3\) inserted by S.I. 2023/1421 reg. 18\(b\)](#)
- [Sch. 5 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)\(iv\)\(aa\) omitted by S.I. 2023/1421 reg. 20\(d\)](#)
- [Sch. 5 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(aa\) word substituted by S.I. 2023/1421 reg. 20\(c\)](#)