



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



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Dear colleagues,

Further to the letter dated 31 January which provided a collective update on the outcome of discussions between Welsh Government, NHS Wales and GPC Wales regarding the GMS Contract for 2024-25, we take this opportunity to issue implementation guidance attached with this letter, intended to provide clarity on the operational aspects of the GMS Contract. Implementing the new contractual requirements as illustrated within the guidance becomes mandatory from today. The necessary amendments to the underpinning legislation will be progressed and introduced at the earliest opportunity.

The GMS Contract is a legal contract between the respective Health Board and the GMS Contractor. To assist implementation of the requirements for both the Health Board and the GMS contractor the attached guidance has been developed by the GMS Contract Implementation Group, which has included representatives from the Welsh Government, GPC Wales, NHS Wales and other key stakeholders.

The guidance includes:

- Application of staff pay uplift;
- Learning Disabilities;
- Covid antivirals;
- Frailty indexing;
- Ethnicity recording;
- Repeat Prescribing via the NHS App;
- Welsh Identity Verification Service (WIVS);
- Requirements for practices on the Access Standards for 2025/26.

Should you have any further queries on the guidance or changes then please contact your Health Board.

Yours sincerely,



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