

Dear

ATISN 19551 – Enhanced Services

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government (WG) for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 08 May 2024 regarding national and directed enhanced services (NES and DES). You have requested the following:

- 1. Please provide a list of all the national and directed enhanced services (NES and DES) which are currently available to general medical service contractors (ie GP surgeries) in Wales.*
- 2. For each enhanced service in section 1 please provide the specific criteria a GP surgery must fulfil to be eligible for payment. (For clarity, this is the essential criteria that must be met for post payment verification to approve payment to the GP surgery.)*
- 3. For each enhanced service in section 1 please provide the current value of any fees payable to the GP surgery when they meet the specification in section 2.*
- 4. For each enhanced service in section 1 please provide the date that the fee was last amended.*

Our Response

WG provides the information it currently stores in relation to this request as outlined below.


- All NES and DES can be identified on the WG website and we provide weblinks to the relevant specifications for your ease of access in table 1 below. It has not been possible to provide a weblink to the specification relating to Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) Vaccination Programme and we have alternatively embedded the specification within the table;
- The specifications for each of the enhanced services (listed in table 1) include the specific eligibility criteria for providers of General Medical Services (GMS) in receipt of funding.
- (a). The NES specifications listed in table 1 in most instances include the initial payment arrangements and fee values payable to practices for delivering the requirements of the specification. However, you may wish to contact NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) for the most recent fee values as Health Boards (HBs) individually set fee values and in conjunction, fee amendment dates for NES. NWSSP provides technical and administrative services for and on behalf of HBs and we provide the following link to assist you further in respect of this request: [Freedom of information - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#).
- (b). The fee values for DES are likewise included within the specifications listed in table 1. In many instances WG has also provided supplementary Directions (both principal and consolidating) to HBs in respect of the delivery of DES specifications which are also included in table 1 as they provide further detail in respect of payment arrangements, and where appropriate, new fee values payable to providers of GMS services.




For clarity, we have added a column to table 1 which provides additional information pertinent to your request for information relative to the respective DES.




4. As referenced in 3 (a) above, for NES fee amendment dates, we suggest you contact NWSSP. As referenced in 3 (b) above, information concerning the dates in which DES fees have been amended is captured in table 1 through the provision of specifications and supplementary Directions which represent the last point in which the fees were updated.




You may also be interested to know that the Welsh Government and GPC Wales are currently collaborating on a workstream intended to review the NES and DES specifications where appropriate. This may entail leaving some specifications unchanged or altered to Local Supplementary Services (LSS), others may require more work, whilst some others may no longer be deemed relevant. The current Directed Enhanced Services Directions will also be converted to Directed Supplementary Services.

Table 1

| <u>NES Specifications</u> | | | |
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| <u>Children and adults who have outstanding routine immunisations: national supplementary service specification</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: childhood influenza vaccination programme 2023 to 2024</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: multiple sclerosis</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: intra-uterine contraceptive device fittings</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: near patient testing</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: sexual health services</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: immediate and first response care</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: intra partum care</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: alcohol misusers</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: drug misuse</u> | | | |
| <u>National enhanced service: depression</u> | | | |
| National Enhanced Service Specification for Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) Vaccination Programme | | | |
|  <p>Attachment 1 - 2015-09-01 - NES - N</p> | | | |
| <u>See attachment 1</u> | | | |
| <u>DES specifications</u> | <u>Principal Directions</u> | <u>Consolidated Directions</u> | <u>WG additional information relevant to the respective DES</u> |

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| Directed enhanced service: violent patients | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-directions-2007-2007-no53 |  Attachment 2 - 20190319 - Consolid: <u>See attachment 2</u> | The Directions do not specify fee values and you may wish to contact NWSSP for this information. |
| Directed enhanced service: minor surgery | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-directions-2007-2007-no53 |  Attachment 2 - 20190319 - Consolid: <u>See attachment 2</u> | The Directions do not specify fee values and you may wish to contact NWSSP for this information. |
| Directed enhanced service: influenza immunisation for those in the 65 and over and other at-risk groups | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-influenza-and-pneumococcal-immunisation-scheme-directed-enhanced-service-0 | | The Directions include fee values which took effect from 1 April 2018. The Directions are updated annually in line with clinical guidance. |
| Directed enhanced service: childhood immunisations | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-directions-2007-2007-no53 |  Attachment 2 - 20190319 - Consolid: <u>See attachment 2</u> | The Directions do not specify fee values as these are set out in the Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions 2013 (as amended) as part of the target payment scheme. However, WG can advise that the current quarterly two year old immunisation payment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% is £612.54; • 90% is £1837.63. The current quarterly five year old immunisation payment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% is to be £227.70; |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90% is to be £683.06. |
| National enhanced service: learning disabilities | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-directions-2007-2007-no53 |  Attachment 2 - 20190319 - Consolidated <u>See attachment 2</u> | This is erroneously listed as a NES however the website is being updated to rectify to DES. The consolidated Directions include the fee values which took effect on 1 April 2015. |
| National enhanced service: care of the homeless | https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-no2-directions-2009-2009-no20 |  Attachment 3 - 20230605 - Consolidated <u>See attachment 3</u> | This is erroneously listed as a NES however the website is being updated to rectify to DES. The consolidated Directions include the fee value which took effect on 1 April 2015. |
| National enhanced service: anti-coagulation monitoring | Primary Medical Services (Oral Anti-coagulation with Warfarin) Directed Enhanced Service (Wales) Directions 2017 (No.14) GOV.WALES | | This is erroneously listed as a NES however the website is being updated to rectify to DES. The Directions include fee values and when this took effect. |
| Directed enhanced service: type 2 diabetes |  Attachment 4 - 201710_1.PDF <u>See attachment 4</u> | | The Directions include fee values and when this took effect. |

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| <p>Directed enhanced service: hormone treatment for adult patients with gender dysphoria</p> | <p> Attachment 5 - 20190808 - PMS (Hor)</p> <p><u>See attachment 5</u></p> | | <p>The Directions include fee values and when this took effect.</p> |
| <p>Directed enhanced service: asylum seekers and refugees GOV.WALES</p> | <p>https://www.gov.wales/primary-medical-services-directed-enhanced-services-wales-no2-directions-2009-2009-no20</p> | <p> Attachment 3 - 20230605 - Consolid:</p> <p><u>See attachment 3</u></p> | <p>The consolidated Directions include the fee values which took effect on 1 April 2015.</p> |
| <p>The Primary Medical Services (COVID-19 Care Homes) (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2020 GOV.WALES</p> | <p>The Primary Medical Services (COVID-19 Care Homes) (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2020 GOV.WALES</p> | | <p>The link includes both the Specification and Directions and includes fee values.</p> |
| | <p>The Primary Medical Services (Pertussis Immunisation for Pregnant and Post-natal Women) (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Directions 2016</p> <p> Attachment 6 - 201606_1.PDF</p> <p><u>See attachment 6</u></p> | | <p>The Directions set out the requirements of the service. The payment value is out of date in the Directions and should be £10.03 with effect from 1 April 2018.</p> |

Next Steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,

Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,