Title: Directions to National Health Service bodies on Counter Fraud Measures (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2006

For Action by: National Health Service Bodies

Action required See paragraph(s) : 5

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DIRECTIONS TO NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE BODIES ON COUNTER FRAUD MEASURES (WALES) (AMENDMENT) DIRECTIONS 2006

Purpose

1. To advise you of the amendment to the Directions to National Health Service Bodies on Counter Fraud Measures 2005, made under Standing Order 29 under the National Health Service Act 1977, and circulated under WHC (2005) 095.

Background

2. The functions of the NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service transferred to the Business Services Authority on 1 April 2006. As a consequence, the Directions to National Health Service Bodies on Counter Fraud Measures 2005 have been amended by the Directions to NHS Bodies on Counter Fraud Measures (Wales) (Amendment) Directions 2006 to reflect this transfer of functions. The Assembly and the Secretary of State, in combined exercise of powers, amended the BSA Establishment and Constitution Order to effect this transfer. Whilst the statutory counter fraud functions of the BSA are limited to England, the BSA will provide these functions on behalf of Wales via arrangements entered into between them and the Assembly under section 41 of the Government of Wales Act 1998, just as the CFSMS did.

3. The Directions came into force on 24 July 2006. The Amending Directions do not have any effect other than to ensure that references in the 2005 Directions to CFSMS are amended to refer to the CFSMS division of the BSA, they do not affect or alter Assembly policy.

Minor errors were identified in the 2005 Directions after the 2006 Directions were made. However, they do not alter the policy. The errors have been amended by Directions to NHS Bodies on Counter Fraud Measures (Wales) (Amendment) (No 2) 2006.

Action

4. Chief Executives should ensure that copies of this circular are passed to Directors of Finance and those responsible for counter fraud in their organisations.

5. For further information about the directions, please contact Mr Ian Pearce (029) 2082 6676.

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