
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme) Directions 2021

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7, 8, 272(7) and (8) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a), gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement, interpretation and application

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme) Directions 2021 and come into force immediately after they are signed.

(2) In these Directions—

“functions in relation to the administration of the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme” means those functions of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme which were entrusted to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions immediately before 1st November 2021;

“the NHS BSA” means the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) established by the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005(b); and

“the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme” means the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme established pursuant to the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979(c).

(3) These Directions apply in relation to England.

Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme

2.—(1) The Secretary of State directs the NHS BSA to exercise, from the beginning of 1st November 2021, functions in relation to the administration of the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme, liaising and working with the Department of Health and Social Care as appropriate.

(2) The Secretary of State directs the NHS BSA to take such steps as it considers necessary and appropriate before 1st November 2021, liaising and working with the Department of Health and

(a) 2006 c.41. By virtue of section 271(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 the functions of the Secretary of State under those sections as exercised in making these Directions are exercisable only in relation to England. Section 7 was amended by section 21 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7) (“the 2012 Act”). Section 8 was amended by section 55(1) and paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to, and paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 14 (not yet in force) to, the 2012 Act.

(b) S.I. 2005/2414, as amended by S.I. 2006/632, 2007/1201, 2013/235, 2015/1862, 2017/959, 2018/378 and 2019/776.

(c) 1979 c.17.

Social Care and the Department for Work and Pensions as appropriate, to prepare for the NHS BSA to exercise functions in relation to the administration of the Vaccine Damage Payments Scheme.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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