
D I R E C T I O N S

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

The NHS Covid Pass Service to the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) 2023

The Secretary of State gives the following directions in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2A, 7(1), 8(1) and 272(7) of the National Health Service Act 2006(a) and article 3(q) of the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005(b).

Citation, commencement, application and extent

1. (1) These Directions may be cited as the NHS Covid Pass Service Directions to the NHS Business Services Authority 2023.

(2) These Directions extend and apply to England and Wales and come into force at 23:59 on 13 January 2023.

(3) In these Directions –

- (a) “Authority” 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) “DHSC” means the Department of Health and Social Care;
- (c) “Directed Functions” means the functions of the Secretary of State in relation to the operation and administration of the NHS Covid Pass Service;
- (d) “NHS Covid Pass Service” means all the technical and operational services required for the provision of the NHS COVID Pass;

Operation and administration of the NHS Covid Pass Service

2. The Secretary of State directs the Authority to exercise the Directed Functions (including to operate and administer the NHS Covid Pass Service) and, in particular, to–

- (a) act in accordance with such priorities, policies, instructions, advice or guidance as the Secretary of State may notify in writing from time to time to the Authority;
- (b) develop and implement, in accordance with a time frame and budget to be agreed between DHSC and the Authority, any new features of the NHS Covid Pass as instructed by DHSC.

Use of third-party contractors

3. The Authority may enter into an agreement with a third-party contractor to discharge the Directed Functions on behalf of the Authority.

(a) 2006 c.41;

(b) S.I. 2005/2414, amended by S.I. 2006/632 and 2007/1201

Review, revocation and suspension of these Directions

4. (1) The Secretary of State may review these Directions in such manner and at such time as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(2) The Authority must operate the NHS Covid Pass Service and exercise the Directed Functions unless and until the earlier of -

- (a) the Directions are revoked by a further direction; or
- (b) 31 March 2024.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



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