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**Chairs of Local Health Boards**  
**Chairs of NHS Trusts**  
**Chair of the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee**  
**Acting Chair of the Emergency Services Ambulance Committee**  
**Chair of NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership Committee**

12 November 2018

Dear Chairs

### **CHANGE TO PROVISION FOR VOTING – WHSSC, EASC AND NWSSP COMMITTEE**

I am writing further to my letter of 18 June 2018 which, subject to your views, set out proposals for changing the arrangements for voting on funding contributions which currently require a unanimous committee decision.

I would like to thank those who responded for their views and constructive suggestions as to possible alternative options which would achieve the same aim of ensuring the streamlining and speeding up of decision making in relation to funding decisions. I have considered these carefully and having taken them into account, I am issuing the revised criteria for the taking of all decisions by each of the respective Committees:

- All decisions subject to a 2/3 majority of voting members present.
- Nominated deputies for LHB Chief Executives to formally contribute to the quorum and have delegated voting rights.
- Nominated deputies should be an executive director of the same organisation.

As you will be aware allowing nominated deputies to contribute to the quorum and have delegated voting rights is consistent with the approach already adopted for the NHS Wales Shared Services Committee and the NHS Collaborative. It will also mitigate difficulties which may occur if a Chief Executive is unable to attend a meeting and, as a consequence the quorum is not reached.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

My officers are in the process of revising the Model Standing Orders to take account of my decision and they will liaise with the respective Committee and Board Secretaries accordingly. In the interim, and in line with the powers of direction in sections 12(3) and 19(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, I require your Board to adopt this amendment to the respective Standing Orders with immediate effect as if the revised Standing Orders had been issued.

Yours sincerely,



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