

Explanatory Memorandum to the Local Health Boards (Establishment and Dissolution) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2013

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Health and Social Services and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 27.1

Minister's Declaration

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Local Health Boards (Establishment and Dissolution) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2013

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Minister for Health and Social Services

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1. Description

This Order amends the Local Health Boards (Establishment and Dissolution) (Wales) Order 2009 to change the names of Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board, Cwm Taf Local Health Board and Hywel Dda Local Health Board to University Local Health Boards.

2. Matters of special interest to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

None

3. Legislative background

This Order is made in accordance with sections 11, 203(9) and (10) and 204 of and paragraphs 11 and 12 of Schedule 2 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 to amend the Local Health Boards (Establishment and Dissolution) (Wales) Order 2009 (“the 2009 Order”).

Schedule 1 to the 2009 Order sets out the Local Health Boards’ names and principal local government areas for which they are established. This Order amends Schedule 1 to the 2009 Order to change the names of Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board, Cwm Taf Local Health Board and Hywel Dda Local Health Board to University Local Health Boards.

The instrument is subject to the negative procedure.

4. Purpose & intended effect of the legislation

The purpose of this Order is to change the names of Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board, Cwm Taf Local Health Board and Hywel Dda Local Health Board to University Local Health Boards to reflect and strengthen their commitment to excellence, in terms of partnership working with the higher education sector, the quality of the services they provide and their overall performance.

Local Health Boards which have ‘University’ as part of their name are required to evidence how they:-

- attain a minimum level of excellence
- demonstrate this is real and not declaratory
- consistently maintain the required level

The effect of having ‘University’ as part of their name will enable the Local Health Boards to benefit from:-

- enhanced recruitment and retention of high calibre staff
- development of innovative training programmes
- associated inward investment
- advancement in medical and health research to deliver future medicines and health care

5. Consultation

No formal consultation was undertaken. Local Health Boards were invited to apply to use 'university' as part of their names and as part of the process they were required to evidence set criteria.