

DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC PROTECTION WALES

Minutes of the Port Health Expert Panel Meeting

Held at the The Bell Country Inn, Llanyre
On Friday 13th July 2018

Present

Gill Morgan (Chair)	Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
Paul Lindsay	Flintshire Council
Sion Lingard	Public Health Wales
Kelly Lee	Newport Council
Kathryn Hughes	FSA Wales
Owain Williams	SRS
Keith Rowlands	Anglesey Council

Apologies

Carwyn Thomas	Pembrokeshire County Council
Rowan Hughes	SRS
Seren Linton	Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
Amit Bannerjee	MCA

Item	Matter	Action
1	Welcome & introductions (including apologies) Apologies as above.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising Minutes agreed as accurate. Matters arising: FLCoP consultation - feedback fed into FSEP for submission to FSA. Further query on PA for Navy which was clarified by Port Health at Portsmouth CC who act as PA. The revised FLCoP will be issued later this year.	
3	Working with MCA Not in attendance - apologies given.	
4	PHW update (SL) Rhianwen Stiff is leading on training and will be contacting Carwyn for details to add port health officers to the circulation list of lead officers which should mean that authorities with a port health function will have an extra training place. The presentation given at the training on 9th July is to be circulated. Authorisations of Health Protection Consultants - at present take many different forms depending on the Authority. Pembrokeshire's is particularly useful as it empowers the appointment of further medical officers if the situation dictates.	SL

	<p>It was agreed by all that consistency is very important and the same format would be used by everyone the next time revisions to authorisations are necessary. SL to circulate document to all</p> <p>Update on Ebola - DRC. This outbreak has not been declared a PHEIC by WHO and the risk is much less than in the previous outbreak in West Africa. PHE have set up a returning worker scheme for screening and will control this due to the small numbers involved - thought to be around 20. PHW will only be contacted if there is seen to be a problem within 21 days and there will be no portside screening.</p>	SL
5	<p>Welsh Govt update Not in attendance</p>	
6	<p>Port Health Training and Future Training Needs Feedback on RSPH Webinar - Ships'Water - not really detailed enough. Agreed to explore further training. APHA - Allan Johnson is now looking to create a training day on a ship looking at water with PHE providing training on infection control. GM to liaise with CT re use of a ferry at Pembroke or Fishguard and take this forward. KR offered to explore the possible use of a TUI vessel, Mein Schiff 3, for inspection purposes in conjunction with a TUI inspector. Discussion followed re other training - SRS have undertaken courses at Mersey PHA on ship sanitation inspection and BIPs as trade may well develop at Cardiff Airport.</p>	GM KR
7	<p>.Brexit - Defra Review of Ports FSA Update GM read an email from Gary Gould, APHA re work on going by Defra to develop an Imports Control System to replace TRACES and the process mapping work that is ongoing.</p> <p>FSA - Update from John Furzer on EU Imports - looking at no additional controls on EU food and feed when UK leaves EU but nothing will be agreed until whole deal is agreed. If a 'no deal' exit happens a pre notification scheme will be needed for POAO and high risk foods and RASSF will need replacing. Further port visits likely - FSA visit to Holyhead productive with port receptive to installation of a BIP if needed. Further information required as to food imports and one ferry company far more co-operative than the other with provision of daily manifests. Reminder that feed is included and known imports through Newport and Pembroke. All other ports keeping a regular check</p>	

	<p>on manifests and cargoes in and out.</p> <p>Further discussion on trans shipment of high risk food/feed from third countries which require pre notification to a BIP or DPE (none in Wales) and the potential for 'back door' trade from Ireland. Also discussed possible inspections at inland destinations rather than at port.</p> <p>There is a pre notification workshop taking place next Monday in England though Wales are not included, FSA are attending and can provide feedback.</p> <p>The Imports Delivery Team is increasing numbers with 6 new staff and any queries from Wales should be fed through FSA Wales who will pass anything onto the Imports Delivery Team.</p> <p>Funding - there is some funding available from EU Transition Fund to support ports and PHAs may also consider making bids to the Health Division of WG to fund any extra work on imports and exports.</p> <p>Export certificates - there is quite some concern from many LAs regarding the potential for a large increase in requests for export certificates depending on the Brexit deal.</p> <p>A questionnaire has been circulated to try and gauge the numbers issued now and the fees charged. Guidance will hopefully be issued by the end of 2018 by FSA.</p>	
8	<p>Ship's Water - Unsatisfactory results</p> <p>Discussion re interpretation of water results and actions taken particularly with regard to high accs. Agreed that differing standards make consistency more difficult. Also discussed legionella and advice sheets. GM to circulate Swansea leaflet which has been reproduced with permission from Hull & Goole PHA. More vessels in general aware of risks from legionella in water systems and requesting water samples to be taken.</p>	GM
9	<p>APHA Update (GM)</p> <p>AGM and Training Day will be held on 18th October 2018 at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London.</p> <p>The organisation is not sustainable with current membership and meetings have been held with the Major Ports Group as their officer time and expertise is needed. All possibilities for future reform are being explored.</p> <p>PHE have reviewed port health functions in England and recently held a port liaison group for East England ports. It is suggested that PHE may provide admin and funding in the future.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Due to possible expansion of trade at Cardiff Airport, SRS have been offered FSA training on TRACES system. General discussion re use of TRACES and PHILIS which is a bespoke system developed by Felixstowe, which is also used by some</p>	

	of the other major ports.	
11	Next meeting: 26 th October 2018	All