

## **DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC PROTECTION WALES**

### **Minutes of the Port Health Expert Panel Meeting**

Held at the The Bell Country Inn, Llanyre  
On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### **Present**

Gill Morgan (Chair)	Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
Gary Tawn	Pembrokeshire County Council
Paul Lindsay	Flintshire Council
Sion Lingard	Public Health Wales
Suzanne Born	Newport Council
Kathryn Hughes	FSA Wales
Jessica Hogan	FSA Wales

#### **Apologies**

Carwyn Thomas	Pembrokeshire County Council
Rowan Hughes	SRS
Owain Williams	SRS
Kelly Lee	Newport Council
Seren Linton	Swansea Bay Port Health Authority

Item	Matter	Action
1	<b>Welcome &amp; introductions (including apologies)</b> Apologies as above.	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting &amp; matters arising</b> Minutes agreed – no matters arising	
3	<b>Working with MCA</b> Not in attendance General discussion about reduction in officer numbers and regional offices across the UK and the impact of these reductions.	
4	<b>PHW update (SL)</b> Audit to be undertaken soon on disease reporting system.  Response submitted for PHE review – any joint ports, none known.  Contact details for panel requested by Marion Lions, possible invite to lead officer training event.  SRS exercise at Cardiff Airport 27/02/18. SL to attend as a consultant. Ambulance service now attending following request. Significant issue in incident response can be	

	<p>ambulance/emergency service response times.</p> <p>Patient transport plans for Ports planned for later in year - likely to start with Swansea.</p>	
5	<p><b>Welsh Govt update</b> Not in attendance</p>	
6	<p><b>Port Health Training and Future Training Needs</b> No progress on targeted PH training.</p> <p>Shellfish purification training event on March 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>. KH advised only 4 places remain, as of 15/02/2018, contact or apply ASAP.</p> <p>KH advised meeting on training 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Advised to submit training needs assessment so PH training could be considered and incorporated into training needs plans.</p> <p>Inclusion in Working group circulation list discussed. KH will make representations for GM to be included on distribution list.</p> <p>Potable water training and consistency across authorities discussed. GM has made contact with Alan Johnson PHE. He has a number of resources available for potable water training, PHEP to consider, GM will forward.</p> <p>Alan also working on new sampling protocol for APHA handbook. ACC likely to be dropped. Completion likely to be some time away.</p> <p>SL advised should smart/agile training be required PHW has facilities to accommodate video conferencing, contact SL for more details.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
7	<p><b>CIEH – Review and Future of Port Health SIG</b> Regions &amp; branches will move to regional Hubs</p> <p>PH SIG future unknown, will continue for this year, then?</p> <p>No specific community yet for PH.</p> <p>Next PH SIG meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May in London. GM attending, happy to drive if colleagues wish to attend. GM will circulate details.</p> <p>Following meeting September, then?</p> <p>CIEH considering charges, TBA.</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p>

8	<p><b>FSA Imports and Exports – trade at Welsh Ports (KH)</b></p> <p>FSA planning for every eventuality. Imports &amp; exports, however, focus. Trying to look at all scenarios and hoping to engage with PH authorities to highlight concerns &amp; any port specific issues.</p> <p>Big issue RE: workable data on import/export activity. Numbers of roll on's/off's known but nature of cargo unknown. Big question how to gather data, questionnaire? If so how to administer?</p> <p>An EU exit team has been set up, regular Whitehall meetings being held.</p> <p>Discussion on BIP's. None in Wales. Core capacities at Cardiff Airport highlighted - no known food imports currently.</p> <p>FSA to assess capacities/facilities at major ports in Wales (Fishguard/Milford Haven/Newport/Holyhead). Visits to be undertaken by Import/Export Teams poss. in March. Principals in ports asked to submit dates in March for visit.</p> <p>RIAMS Q&amp;A on EU exit highlighted as useful tool.</p>	<p><b>KL &amp; CT</b></p>
9	<p><b>Consultation of Food Law CoP (GM)</b> Comments by 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</p> <p>GM highlighted following issues in document: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Service of notices only on approved premises?</li> <li>b) SSCEC template on LACORS site – site now mothballed</li> <li>c) Copy of SSCEC to ships owners – does not happen in practice</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that GM to make response on behalf of PHEP - to be circulated prior to submission.</p> <p>KH recommended review of CoP England, as steers Welsh version.</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p>
9	<p><b>APHA Update (GM)</b></p> <p>New recommended charges on APHA website, as of 1<sup>st</sup> April – PL asked if could be circulated.</p> <p>Discussion held regarding levying of additional charges. GT advised PCC currently levy additional weekend &amp; bank holiday charge.</p> <p>Brief discussion of charges generally, SL asked panel to be mindful that, in current financial climate, Lab allocations for</p>	<p><b>GM/CT</b></p>

	<p>potable water sampling may be reviewed.</p> <p>APHA finances discussed, some authorities have rejoined but income insufficient to maintain association in current form if no changes.</p> <p>New handbook produced – samples given out.</p> <p>Question in House of Commons on when PH Ships Regs to be amended/repealed/replaced. Answer - No plans in foreseeable future.</p>	
10	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>GM – Discussed outcomes of the recent evaluation of official control systems in place to control the traceability and labelling of fish and fishery products.</p> <p>Queried: i) What is expected role of PH Authorities?  ii) £30k exemption noted in document should this be £30/€50? KH to confirm</p> <p>GT – none  SL – All Wales Outbreak Plan to be reviewed  PL – None  SB – None  KH – Training opportunities for interns. If any please contact</p>	<p><b>KH</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
11	<p><b>Next meetings:</b> 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>