

DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC PROTECTION WALES

Notes from the Port Health Expert Panel/Wales PLaN Meeting

Teams Meeting
on 12th October 2023

Present

Simon Fuller (Chair) Ynys Môn Council
Carwyn Thomas (Sec) Pembs CC
Richard Firth Public Health Wales
Huw Brunt WG
Rhys Harries Swansea Council
Lindsay Horth Newport Council
Paul Lindsay Flintshire Council
Owen Lewis Food Standards Agency
Sarah Johns WLGA

Rhys Thomas Newport Council
Owain Williams SRS

Apologies

Huw Turner FSA
Jane Peaty SRS
Malgorzata Dabrowska-Jones WG
(OCVO)

Item	Matter	Action
1	<p>Welcome & introductions (including apologies) The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for joining.</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting: couple of corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL – Mostyn port • PHW – any rota refer to out of hours not PHOs. “List” not “rota” 	
2	<p>WG update: HB/MDJ – not in attendance at start of meeting. SF: ASF controls update: >2kgs pork not commercially packaged – stop, to control ASF. Airport (SRS) – 2 incidents. None at HH/Pembs. Plan (CVO) to reduce level of personal permitted imports. Looking to amend TARP to pass ability to seize to BF, but option to contact PHA to assist/deal with it. Recent meeting: SF, CT, HB, BF, etc. Agreement: BF to deal unless additional issues noted, e.g. commercial. Plus new ability for BF to apply discretion, e.g. ham sandwich – ok. Risk based. Start: 30-04-2024 – all ports. CT – BF/PHA staffing issues – no capacity. OW: recent incidents – serving notices on foreign people not possible (they had gone by the time PHA got there). SF: hope BF don’t see PHA as extra paid of hands.</p> <p>BTOM update: published 29th Aug. Grey area re. West coast. Pembs and Anglesey affected. WG meetings taking place. Lots of uncertainty.</p>	

	<p>Controls not before 31-10-24 NI protocol influencing. Election issue too – will this change things? FSA training pack available. Simon and Carwyn meeting regularly to discuss.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p>PHW update (RF) Review of outbreak plan – final round of comments. Clarity on roles and responsibilities. New version expected. WHO – state party self-assessment - Cardiff airport only. RF to discuss with Jayne. PMO update – not progressed too far. Need to differentiate between PMO and HPC. PHW – fewer qualified doctors now so need to reflect this in plan. Monkeypox – quiet. COVID – quietly circulating. No evidence to suggest increased infectiveness/symptoms. Flu – elevated season in southern hemisphere. May occur here too in winter.</p> <p>4 Nations Border Health Working Group RT – comm disease outbreak plan – out for comments Full review taking place “All Wales/all diseases” plan Ask LAs to review R&Rs and outbreak plan Includes Port Health Potential for Las to be brought into things which historically not been doing. Encourage LAs to review and submit responses – end today to Ceri Edwards. CT: what about PH plan? RT: overarching plan to complete review first, then possibly review other specific plans. Table-top exercise in Spring. RF: main plan is framework for all Wales approach – silver level Concerns from LAs due to potential to get involved in other things, e.g. flu outbreaks RH: money taken from WG for health protection programme so may have to get involved. Needs to be sensibly used going forward. RT: not all LAs in the same position. Action: LAs to respond.</p> <p>RF: discovery phase, then: 1. Map roles and responsibilities - legal review 2. Review UK Port Health core capacities – review IHR 3. Legislation – sub group to review</p> <p>RF: Mapping relevant organisations at the border (peace time) All hazards approach – animals and goods too. Will discuss with ports in Wales. Do all ports need to be involved?</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>Which other agencies? MCA, CAA etc.</p> <p>Will prepare spreadsheet and send out to all for adding info. Who's responsible for what? Engagement over time to create plan. Timeframe: list by end of month. Action: responses to Richard</p> <p>SF: link to AHW too? PL: APHA handbook – good starting point. SJ: EHW looking to do out of hours exercise before yr end.</p>	All
4	<p>FSA Update (OL) Imported food pack available now Also Q&A re. imports – may answer queries Also guidance on Windsor framework (NIRMS) FSA temp check open currently – closed 20th.</p> <p>RH: no SBPHA in drop-down, but figures covered in Swansea figs.</p> <p>SF: plastics imports issue (customs holds). Need clarity/resolve.</p>	

5	<p>PHA/LA updates/incidents:</p> <p>RT- relatively quiet at Newport. New staff soon. Internal training for vessel insps.</p> <p>PL- Flintshire-Mostyn quiet previously linked to windfarms. No SSCs</p> <p>RH- Swansea quiet. Very little to report.</p> <p>OW- SRS – nothing major. Few SSCs Qatar looking at Cardiff airport again. No talk about possible BCP at the moment.</p> <p>LH- Newport – Feed coming into Newport – Ukraine and Russia. New shed being built for feed. Let Lindsay know if feed imports. Action</p> <p>SF- Anglesey – Few SSCs. Water sampling – being asked to do more. Mosquitos – not much. Cruise ships – 60ish visits. BCP – ongoing Feed – will discuss with Lindsay Import of shellfish – IUU controls – discuss with importers. Now charging. Fees – will share.</p> <p>CT – Pembs – SSCs still very busy. Recent issue with need for prescription for crewman Feed – fairly regular Cruise – 40ish this year BCP – no movement</p>	All
6	<p>WG update_(HB joining late)</p> <p>4 nations border health 1 of 9 workstreams Workplan for border health – 2 objectives: R&Rs; review legislation for PH Other: Border TOM – implementation taking place. Lots of issues: fees, funding, training etc. Personal imports – recent meeting to discuss with BF. 2 models in place: Dover – PHA present. Other – NO PHA presence. Grey area. Process maps shared – need to feedback BF to do bulk of work Need to nail down legal issues, e.g. seize/detail – CEMA/TARP MOU to be prepared to clarify, then local arrangements to be agreed.</p>	

6.1	<p>PMO issue SF – SBAR gone to Giri Shankar. Nothing back yet PHW doesn't have individuals to perform full duties of PMO, e.g. medical assessments Do PHAs need local arrangements? E.g. doctor on call locally or rely on NHS. Clarity needed. Write to Giri to progress.</p> <p>HB – definition of PMO – does it need review? How do we get expertise to the PHA, esp. at short notice? Action: SF to write to Giri</p>	SF
7	<p>APHA update AGM & training day – 16th Nov. check website for details. Lots of speakers – will be useful.</p> <p>Shipsan training day online – more to come.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB OW – SRS – have we paid APHA membership? How many places at event? 1 free & rest at £45. New BCP at Bristol – offered to show others around.</p> <p>RF: legionella – 2 cases recently on vessel from Southampton to France to Belfast. Who's responsible? MDoH was blank. 2 cases had left. Did they contract on vessel? Lots of questions, many unanswered.</p>	
8.1	<p>Consider meeting in person in 2024 (maybe not winter). Next meeting Jan/Feb 2024. CT to confirm.</p>	

