

Directors of Public Protection Wales & Environmental Health Wales
Port Health Expert Panel Minutes
 Incorporating Association of Port Health Welsh Port Liaison Group.
 Meeting In person 25th June 2024 at 10.00am- 13.30 Bell Country Inn Llanllyr Rhos

	Item	Lead	Papers	Discussion/ Action required	Responsible / Outcome
1	Welcome and Introductions – including apologies	SF	None	Apologies for absences and attendance see list at end.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting	SF		Agreed February	ALL
3	Port Medical Officer	SF		Discussed. 1. Recap. PHW are unable to meet the provision of an on vessel medical evaluation at the request of the master Reg 9 where a pax or crew could be suffering from an infections disease, or been exposed to such an illness, or the person is verminous. 2. PHW position is that they have a strategic assessment role. 3. Some Las believe they must provide this service. 4. Agreed that the reality is the Master or Agent would contact the ambulance service for assistance, unless there was a medical person on board. In which case Port Health may be contacted. 5. Port Health would contact PHW for advice and an IMT would likely be convened with a decision on the support to the vessel identified. 6. Discussion included airports where decision making time would be a lot less. (Cardiff Airport/ Hawarden/ Haverfordwest) 7. Request for PHW to circulate a plan for incident management at a sea or airport 8. Discussions issues arising – suspected case on aircraft/ isolation of contacts and suspect/ management of other passengers. 9. Cardiff (SRS) assess ports compliance to IHR.	RF (PHW)

4	PHW update	RF		4 Nations IHR Border Health Review -RF attending for Wales. Aims of group, set up leadership framework on international events, evaluate operational capacity and operational response. Review data collection and surveillance. -includes lessons learnt from covid.	
5	Welsh Gov Update OCVO	RP		New Westminster Gov – seeking to update the SPS agreement – looking for free movement of animals. IPAFFS has operational issues – rest of world products of concern. BCP at Holyhead under construction expected finish date April 25 HPAI – Outbreak in USA in cattle, unclear whether pasteurisation neutralises virus. USA have controls on US producers, Blue Tounge – big works stream currently No +ve cases so far this year. ASF on radar. No +ve cases Wales	
6	FSA Update			Not in Attendance	
7	Local Authority Updates				
7a	Flintshire			Mostyn Port quiet	
7b	Isle of Anglesey			Mosquito surveillance to start, Forecast approx. 65 cruise	
7C	SRS Cardiff	JP		Mosquito surveillance underway/ Small increase in the number of vessels for SSC	
8	Association of Port Health updated			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. London AGM – Nov 14th. 3 student places funded 2. EU ShipSan Convention in Oct. APHA will fully fund 3 places. 3. Legionella course last week – v.good. Legionella sampling – don't flush taps prior to collecting sample. UKHSA guidance. 4. BTOM questionnaire on its way to PHAs. 	

9.	AOB			AOB JP: sanitation cert charges. Capacity issue. Can APHA charges be amended? Yes. RF: cruise ship visit possible? SF: Yes.	
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Attendance list

Simon Fuller	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Simon Fuller	Isle of Anglesey (Group Chair)
Carwyn Thomas	Pembrokeshire (Group Secretary)
Richard Pizzey	Welsh Government -Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer
Richard Firth	Public Health Wales
Paul Lindsay	Flintshire
Peter Lloyd Jones	Welsh Government Public Health
Jane Peaty	Vale of Glamorgan (SRS)

Apologies

Owen Lewis	FSA – Wales
Rhys Harries	Swansea PHA
Sarah Johns	Welsh Local Government Association (Environmental Health Policy lead)
Huw Turner	National Food Crime Unit
Esther Evans	Isle of Anglesey County Council/ National TS Feed Lead
Rhys Thomas	Newport County Council
Owain Williams	Vale of Glamorgan (SRS)

Future issues bring forward to next meeting