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15th OCT COVID-19 2 SISTERS PLANT

Date of meeting: 16 July 2020

Time of meeting: 10:00-10:30

Venue for meeting: Skype meeting

Version: 0a DRAFT

Present:

	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHW – OCT Chair	
	Communications Manager, PHW	
	Consultant in Public Health, PHW	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW	
	Regional Hub, PHW	
	GP, Anglesey (shadowing RA)	
	Healthcare Epidemiologist, PHW	
	Specialist Registrar, PHW	
	Deputy Director Community Safety Division, WG	
	Senior Environmental Health Advisor, WG	
	Information Analyst, PHW	
	Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Public Protection Manager, Gwynedd CBC	
	Executive Director of Public Health, BCUHB	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Incident Officer, Food Standards Agency	
	Food Standards Agency	
	Head of Operational Delivery for Wales and West, FSA	

	Environmental Health Manager, Anglesey CBC	
	Taking minutes	

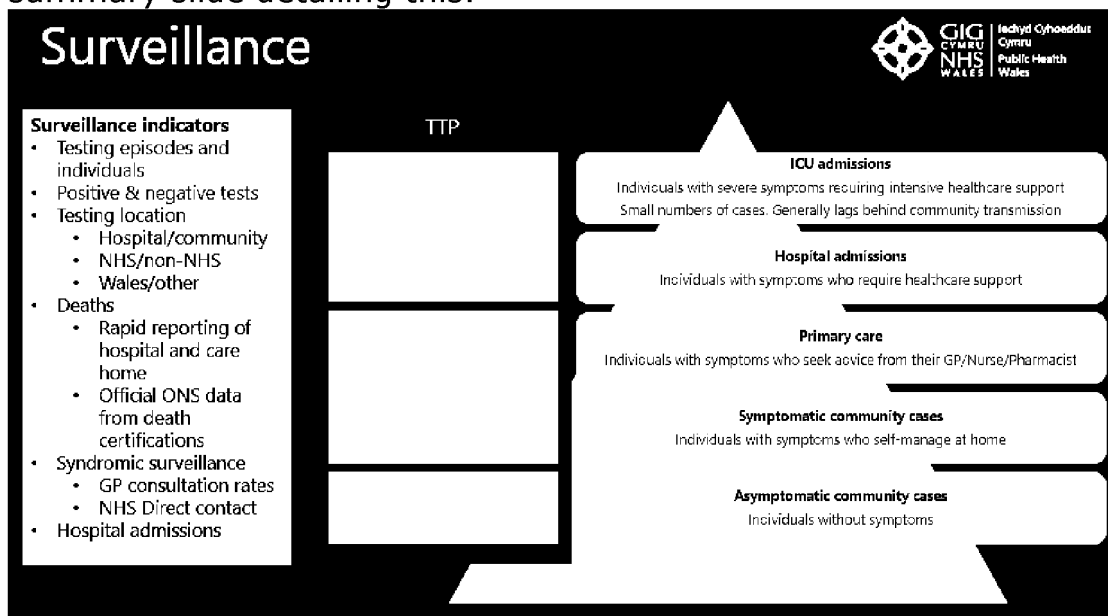
Apologies:

	(Anglesey CBC),		(PHW),	
	(N.Wales Police)			

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted as above.	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting and action log asked for any corrections to the notes of the last meeting to be submitted by 17:00 Wednesday 22 July. No actions remain outstanding. Refer to the updated action log for wider comments and any additional actions agreed at today's meeting.	
3.	Epidemiological summary of cases shared the latest epidemiology report and updated the OCT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the last report was published, additional cases were identified (OCT were made aware of these at the last meeting on 09/07/2020) This means a total of 221 cases directly linked to this outbreak have been confirmed 81 reported symptoms (majority reporting anosmia), this is reported via the CRM Key summary is there is nothing alarming to note, though there are still background cases present within the community Concerns have been highlighted following the addition of the Lighthouse Lab data backlog (incorporated as of 13/07/2020) to the main dashboard tab – this caused a spike in numbers, but will be continue to be periodically updated going forward provided an update on the final hospitalisation data related to this outbreak: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data is taken as of 15/07/2020 A total of 11 cases required hospital admission The majority were admitted between 20-28/06/2020 10 cases have been discharged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification was received immediately prior to this meeting that the 11th case has now sadly passed away (this individual was linked to a contact of a case) noted that PHW, as part of OCT communications, do not outwardly report on deaths, and this individual does not fit the definition of a case related to this outbreak 	

Continuation of Surveillance

Following a query at the last meeting regarding the continuation of surveillance and feedback to the local authorities, [REDACTED] produced a summary slide detailing this:



*Change agreed – TTP section to expand and encompass surveillance indicators.

The surveillance data is summarised on the PHW dashboard, which can also provide various breakdowns to give an indication of what is happening within communities.

Additional work is also being undertaken on serology surveillance (to give a very broad indication of whether asymptomatic individuals have had COVID-19 some time ago, or if it is in the “acute” phase).

[REDACTED] queried how any spikes in specific areas would be notified to the relevant local authority. [REDACTED] agreed there is further work to be done around mechanisms for interrogating the data on a regional basis. PHW Health Protection review non-COVID-19 notifiable diseases on a weekly basis, so there needs to be some thought as to how we do this for COVID-19, so that all partners can be assured on a regular basis.

[REDACTED] confirmed that surveillance links between borders/ports is being picked up through the All Wales Port Health Group, who meet every week.

[REDACTED] added that CDSC are working on outputs to assist local authorities and health boards monitor trends and identify clusters on a broader basis. Meetings are currently taking place at 16:00

every Wednesday to discuss alignment of local and regional surveillance to maximise benefits of the outputs.

4. **Testing and Sampling**

- As noted above, a total of 221 cases have been identified associated with the workforce at the site
- 18 individuals have not yet presented for testing (■■■■ of these are not required as were not on site during the period of interest and one duplicate has been identified).
- BCU confirmed 6 individuals have presented today
- A total of 11 remain outstanding and ■■■■ ha provided the site with the relevant information
- The company are going to check this list of 11 against their worklist to identify any staff who may no longer be employed

The OCT reached agreement **not** to follow these up any further.


- The CTU made multiple attempts to make contact last week
- All reasonable expectation to follow these individuals up has been reached
- Legislation exists to make this a police matter; however, ■■■■ emphasised that at this stage, the benefits of them being tested is not proportional to the risk presented

Private Testing of a Contractor

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	 <p>Litter Complaints</p> <p>Following complaints received about PPE being discarded in the vicinity of the site [REDACTED] has discussed with [REDACTED] (HSE). HSE wrote to the company addressing these concerns and has also spoken to the Head of Environmental Services. A letter has also been sent on behalf of the council, reiterating a zero tolerance litter policy.</p> <p>OCT agreed there is a significant risk to reputation, in terms of the community perspective. Action: [REDACTED] agreed to raise the issue on behalf of the OCT early next week.</p> <p>[REDACTED] will continue to monitor the situation.</p>	
5.	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media interest has diminished over the last week Statements have been reworded to reflect current position. [REDACTED] confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighting no increase in cases since last update The fatality noted earlier does not fall within the case definitions, but a standard reactive statement will be prepared One enquiry regarding the pub ("has there been a contained incident?") has been received. Action: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to pick up outside of this meeting and share messages with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. 	
6.	<p>OCT Next Steps</p> <p>[REDACTED] will review the potential dates for closing down this outbreak officially and bring to OCT next week. Unless there are significant changes this will be the final meeting.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Nothing raised.</p>	
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 23 July 2020 13:30-14:30</p>	