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10th OCT- COVID-19 2 SISTERS PLANT

Date of meeting: 29 June 2020

Time of meeting: 13:30-14:30

Venue for meeting: Skype

Version: 0a

Present:

	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHW	
	Minute taker	
	Environmental Health Manager, Anglesey CBC	
	Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	North Wales Police	
	Welsh Government- attending on behalf of Sarah Jones	
	Deputy Director Community Safety Division, Welsh Government	
	Incidents & Stakeholder Relations Officer- Food Standard Agency	
	Deputy Chief Executive, Anglesey CBC	
	Health and Safety Executive	
	Assistant Area Director of Primary Care, BCUHB	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW (some audio issues)	

	Consultant in Health Protection- Representing CDSC	
	Representing Regional North Wales Cell	
	Senior BMS- Microbiology, PHW	
	Analyst, Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, PHW	
	Medical Director BCUHB	
	Communications Officer, PHW	
	Health Protection Nurse PHW	
	Lead Health Protection Nurse, PHW	
	Deputy Director of Public Health Services	
	Director of Public Health, BCUHB	

Apologies

	Senior Environmental Health Advisor for COVID-19, WG	
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1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies ■ welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting and action log The minutes from the previous meeting (25/06/2020) were circulated. Any corrections/comments to ■ by Wednesday. Action Log: Refer to the updated action log for wider comments. The following actions are still ongoing: 8/20- ■ – outstanding 60/20 Pick up under sampling 76/20 ■ to pick up with Flintshire outside meeting 77/20 ■, - outstanding 79/20 With ■, discussions ongoing, will pick up again this week. 89/20- Linked to sampling and testing 90/20 Linked to sampling and testing 91/20 ■ sent the Romanian embassy letter to site and WG (■ had not received, ■ will send) 92/20 Reactive lines agreed- complete	

3.

Epidemiological summary of cases (GB)

■■ provided a summary of cases as of 29/06/2020:

- 6 new cases identified in the last 24 hours (likely to be those who were tested later than the initial group)
- Total: 216 positive cases and 305 negative
- ■■■ retested and included as one of the 216 positive.
- 63 individuals have not had a result as yet, of these:
 - 15 are believed to have been swabbed (results for 11 of them)
 - 48 have not been swabbed/come forward- agreed last week to write to those individuals to follow up.
- Overall reduction

■■ (WG)- were the company going to write to the individuals that have not swabbed/come forward for testing. Company contacted ■■ this morning to request list of 48 individuals and will put out communications to them. 2 Sisters also confirmed Friday not allowing workforce back without having had a swab taken.

Sampled 521 and had results matched up to the incident, 63 left to chase down.

15 are being sent a letter of apologies and asked to be re-tested. This will be a joint letter from BCu and PHW.

It was mentioned to the group that the maps and surveillance information were very helpful for the OCT. It was agreed colleague in CSDC will share latest information at the next meeting.

Epidemiology –highlight:

Prior to meeting hospital admission figures were circulated at short notice:

- ■■ epidemiology overview
- 6 currently in hospital ■■■■■■■■■■
- Challenge in terms of linking data from various sources was highlighted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On +ve cases, assured of confidence and the numbers are small, so should be viewed with caution • Reassuring message in terms of severity of illness, requiring hospitalisation as a result of infection • Maps were shared last week, helpful to bring back later this week as an update and provide assurance this continues to be monitored and no issues [REDACTED] - requested sight of the hospitalisation data this PM for ministerial briefing - [REDACTED] noted that this has not been shared due to postcode PII on a map. • Key message noted on previous minutes (bottom of page 2), bottom line - no triggers or warnings in wider community suggesting wider transmission as a result of cases linked to the workforce. Acknowledge there are ongoing background cases in the community. • [REDACTED] - maps helpful, as there has been a lot of concern around the numbers. Help tell the story. • ACTION: [REDACTED] to bring the update once a week to OCT <p>[REDACTED] - sharing of the data - [REDACTED] to look into</p>	
4.	Testing and Sampling (GB) 521 sampled and had results for 63 left to chase 15 not entirely sure – we are writing to them to invite for re-testing.	
5.	Review of control measures (GB) The plant plans to re-commencing operations on Friday 3 rd July, following deep cleaning and re-sampling inside the plant itself. The first few days will be spent on educating the workforce and reinforcing key messages. Whilst internal measures are of a high standard, the off-site plan needs to be prepared and implemented to provide reassurance to the community as the plant re-commences. [REDACTED] - when to re-visit and physically check with compliance? Intention to revisit on Tuesday or Wednesday (7 th /8 th). Will likely be an announced visit.	

Is it worth doing a dry run with no workers on site beforehand to observe the physical changes to the factory floor?

Better to conduct a visit when staff are on site to observe behaviour.

Can we give reassurance, consider in context of local people in addition to workers. Is there anything visible that can be done at the gate, to provide assurance (checking temp)?

as OCT- multi agency group that is in place to containing the outbreak and seeking assurance that the risk of transmission is being minimised. Do not overstep remit, FSA and HSE as regulators, looking for specific aspects.

Reassurance has been provided by the company. Observations will be the only way to assess behavioural changes and have been implemented. Artificial measures will not help. Ongoing assurance they are being follow. to view that this to be led by HSE as the regulators and those aspects for the site. As the regulators, HSE can only measure to the extent of the law, within limitations. Temp threshold device is inside the factory, so will not be seen by "gated-media".

first week company will be expecting visit. RA normal process to be followed. Unannounced visits may be considers in future as part of HSE normal process for assurance. Sustainable compliance- cannot leave a company along until they reach that and are demonstrably compliant.

messaging. Narrative neds to evidence are content. What can we do that is outside of the regulatory space to send a message that things are moving forward?

Dry walk through- will have to clear with his manager- media exercise artificial. Need something to signal we are on the right track. level of assurance is important. Any method.

Confirmation from the visit to provide reassurance back to the community.

	<p>Company have recognised the issues they have and have plans in place to address those.</p>	
6.	<p>Communications</p> <p>We continue to get interest from the media around this. One of the areas we are concerned by is the potential stigma or isolation of the migrant worker community associated with the plant.</p> <p>Communications team and working on some lines to provide context. Need to consider impact on individual's in relation to the messaging.</p> <p>Reassurance already discussed today, will inform updates and given context to the daily statement update tomorrow. ■■■ and ■■■ to follow up this afternoon on the draft line and share with OCT later today/early tomorrow. The group were all in agreement to stick to proactive line within the daily statement.</p> <p>In Fridays meeting regarding lines to take over the weekend. Welcomed and shared cross agency.</p> <p>Friday night - ■■■ confirmed clearance of the Ynys Mon tweaks, community message.</p> <p>Distribution all of the community language social media aspects. Work is going on to develop the easy share system, working with local community groups, Facebook messenger and WhatsApp group, although no direct access through partners we are hopeful that this will help deliver messages which are easy to access and simple to share. ■■■ can provide instructions on how to use these of required.</p> <p>■■■- SCG Communications –</p> <p>Further meetings and discussion, focus on communication and engagement. Referencing the new document from Welsh Government in terms of supporting factories and need to work more concerted proactive work with organisations to try and reduce the likelihood of this happening again. ■■■ expressed her thanks to colleagues for extended tweeting of messages over the weekend.</p>	

■ - No statement from this OCT today? This will go out at 2pm tomorrow and will be shared with partners once signed off internally.

Welsh Government Colleagues engagement activities. Would it be possible to get an updated summary of the activity undertaken as a result of the OCT meetings. ■ happy to collate and channel the information. Purpose-part of the understanding the complete communications picture, part assurance that the work being done collectively is reaching communities and to learn from approaches that are being taken,

■ Materials for digital media continue to be used and should not be underestimated in building on confidence and assurance locally. Thanks to the other organisation for sharing.

The group were asked -are we still in an outbreak position, how does the phasing out happen, what will happen before the plant re-opens?

■ - Formal outbreak closure- will generally wait for a period of time, corresponds to incubation period (2 incubation periods) before declaring it over to allow expiration of incubation period. In this instance would want to wait 28 days to not miss any additional cases. Part of the ongoing monitoring and surveillance.

Appreciate that public messaging will need to be different - have contained outbreak at this point in time, satisfied that all control measures are in place, limited transmission, not planning on any more as an OCT other than monitoring and assurance. Not in acute containment phase now, moved on to monitoring. Important as news will be widespread within the community by Friday. ■ in agreement.

OCT recognised the pace has slowed lately, no meetings were required over the weekend. Moving to an observation phase until we can formally declare outbreak is over and the lines being put out support that. ■ - recommends repetition of consistent key messages is important.

Proposed to move to alternating days this week (Mon, Wed, Fri) which was agreed by the group.

7.	AOB ■■■■- re-visit- HSE agreed want to minimise number of people on site, but happy to follow OCT in conflicting opinion. ■■■■- Thanks to ■■■■ and all outbreak control team. ■■■■- Contactors and other visitor's - have they all been identified now and what is the plan. The group were informed that vast majority have been identified, tested and are negative. These are a mix of external contractors, deliveries and other visitors with a few left to be followed up.	
8.	Next meeting 13:30-14:30 Wednesday the 1st of July, unless required at short notice.	

Actions:**See separate action log**