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Quarter 2 Alerts Report (1 July –30 September 2021)

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Purpose
This exception report provides an update on the management of alerts received by Public Health Wales.

Recommendation:				
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The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts / safety notices received. 				

Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities.

This report contributes to the following: **Contributes to all priorities**

Strategic Priority	Choose an item.
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Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
Risk and Assurance	Public Health Wales is required to implement and maintain systems for alert dissemination and review.
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Theme 2 - Safe Care Choose an item. Choose an item.
Financial implications	None
People implications	None

1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of the report is to provide assurance that Public Health Wales has an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts/safety notices received. Reporting is by exception.

2. Background

Public Health Wales is required to ensure that all alerts are communicated promptly to all relevant members of staff employed within the Trust. Although in the majority of cases, alerts are not relevant to Public Health Wales, we must be able to satisfy ourselves that we have checked and confirmed the status of each alert, and that where appropriate alerts are acted on in a timely manner, and within the timescales stated in order to safeguard service users, staff and visitors from harm.

3. Description/Assessment

A total of 26 alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period (1st July-30th September 2021), of which 4 required action to be taken.

Out of the 4 requiring action, 1 was related to COVID-19. This was actioned as required by the Policy.

The two Public Health Alerts were as follows:

- 1 regarding a statement from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) that some severely immunocompromised individuals who were immunosuppressed at the time of either their first or second primary vaccine dose should be offered a third primary dose
- 1 regarding Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Screening Evaluation in England – Implications for Wales

The one Pharmaceutical alert was as follows:

- 1 from the MHRA regarding Class 2 Medicines Recall: Accord-UK Ltd (Trading style: NorthStar), LEVOTHYROXINE TABLETS BP 50 micrograms EL (21)A/23

The one Patient Safety Alert was as follows:

- An Update from MHRA Ref: 2021/005/005/601/530 regarding the Clinell Universal Wipes – Urgent recall

All alerts received were disseminated to the organisation within 48 hours of receipt as required by the policy and procedure. In addition, all are sent separately direct to key recipients by Welsh Government.

Table 1. Alerts received

Type of Alert	Number received	Number requiring action (COVID-19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Pharmaceutical Alert	14	0	1	
Medical Device Alert	0	0	0	
Patient Safety Notice/Alert	4	0	1	
Medicine Shortages	4	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	0	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	0	0	0	
Public Health Alert	4	1	1	

3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Not applicable as no decision is required.

4. Recommendation

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