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Quarter 3 Alerts Report (1 November –31 December 2021)

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Purpose

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

Recommendation:

APPROVE

ASSURANCE

RECOMMEND

ADOPT

NOTE

The Quality, Safety & Improvement Committee is asked to:

- Receive **assurance** on the 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/medical devices 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. We must also 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 **63** alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period, of which **6** required action to be taken.

Out of the **6** requiring action, **4** were related to Covid19. These were actioned as required by the Policy.

The **five Public Health Alerts** were as follows:

- 1 - Influenza Season 2021-22 - accessing additional central supplies of influenza vaccines for the NHS flu vaccination programme
- 1 - COVID-19 Therapeutic Alert - Casirivimab and imdevimab for patients hospitalised due to COVID-19. Updated clinical policy extending access
- Update on Covid-19 Variant B.1.1.529
- Neutralising monoclonal antibodies (nMABs) or antivirals for non-hospitalised patients with COVID-19
- Update - Neutralising monoclonal antibodies (nMABs) or antivirals for non-hospitalised patients with COVID- interim clinical policy.

The **one Patient Safety Alert** was as follows:

- FSN Ref: 20022 - Field Safety Notice (FSN) Clinell Universal Wipes and Spray Updated labelling

All alerts received were disseminated to the organisation within 48hrs of receipt as required by the policy and procedure and 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	17	0	0	
Medical Device Alert	0	0	0	
Medical Device(Information)	9	0	0	
Patient Safety Notice/Alert	6	0	1	
Medicine Shortages	15	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	1	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	8	0	0	
Public Health Alert	7	4	1	

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

Not applicable as no decision is required.

4. Recommendation

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