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## Quarter 4 Alerts Report (1 January 2022 –31 March 2022)

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<b>Purpose</b>
This exception report provides an update on the management of alerts received by Public Health Wales

<b>Recommendation:</b>				
APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ASSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive <b>assurance</b> and <b>note</b> that an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts / safety notices received.</li> </ul>

**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**

<b>Strategic Priority</b>	Choose an item.
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**Summary impact analysis**

<b>Equality and Health Impact Assessment</b>	An assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
<b>Risk and Assurance</b>	Public Health Wales is required to implement and maintain systems for alert dissemination and review.
<b>Health and Care Standards</b>	This report supports and/or takes into account the <a href="#">Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales</a> Quality Themes  Theme 2 - Safe Care Choose an item. Choose an item.
<b>Financial implications</b>	None
<b>People implications</b>	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 **56** alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period, of which **2** required action to be taken.

Out of the **2** requiring action, 1 was related to Pharmaceutical and the other Public Health. This was actioned as required by the Policy.

The **one Public Health Alert** was as follows:

- Information about a change to the national NHS HPV vaccination programme from 1 April 2022, when those eligible adolescents and adults who start the course on or after they turn 15 years old, will require two doses of HPV vaccine at least six months apart, instead of three doses, to complete the course. The same applies to anyone receiving the vaccine through the NHS MSM HPV vaccination programme. This is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

The **one Pharmaceutical** was as follows:

- CMO CNO Flu Vaccination Thank You

All alerts received were disseminated to the organisation within 48hrs of receipt as required by the policy and procedure.

Table 1. Alerts received

<b>Type of Alert</b>	<b>Number received</b>	<b>Number requiring action (Covid-19)</b>	<b>Number requiring action (other)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Pharmaceutical Alert	1	0	1	
Medical Device Alert	0	0	0	
Medical Device(Information)	9	0	0	
Patient Safety Notice/Alert	6	0	0	
Medicine Shortages	0	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	0	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	0	0	0	
Public Health Alert	1	0	1	

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

Not applicable as no decision is required.

### **4. Recommendation**

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