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<h2 data-bbox="507 651 1082 752">Quarter 2 Alerts Report (1 Jul 2023 – 30 Sep 2023)</h2>									
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<p data-bbox="204 1023 336 1057">Purpose</p> <p data-bbox="204 1064 1385 1128">This exception report provides an update on the management of alerts received by Public Health Wales</p>									
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<p data-bbox="204 1265 1091 1299">The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:</p> <ul data-bbox="245 1341 1350 1444" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="245 1341 1350 1444">• Take assurance on the effective management system for the distribution, management, monitoring and appropriate record keeping of Safety alerts / safety notices received by the organisation. 									

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	5 - Protecting the public from infection and environmental threats to health
Strategic Priority	6 - Supporting the development of a sustainable health and care system focused on prevention and early intervention
Strategic Priority	7 - Building and mobilising knowledge and skills to improve health and well-being across Wales

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 to manage and disseminate safety alerts, important public health messages and other safety critical information to ensure appropriate actions are taken.
Health and Care Standards	<p>This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes</p> <p>Theme 2 - Safe Care Theme 3 - Effective Care Theme 5 - Timely Care</p>
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 the distribution, management, monitoring and appropriate record keeping of Safety alerts / safety notices received by the organisation. Reporting of Alerts is by exception.

2. Background

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

3. Description/Assessment

A total of **59** alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period 1 July – 30 September 2023, **2** of which required action to be taken.

Since the Q1 2023 report, we have seen an increase in alerts for Public Health Wales to review going up from 48 to 59 with a significant theme on medicine shortages.

Through this quarter, 7 alerts were distributed for information only following the review process by the Professional Lead Nursing Midwifery and Standards Manager and/or the Quality and Clinical Governance Manager within the Quality, Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Directorate.

Table 1. Total Alerts received

Type of Alert	Number received	Number requiring action (Covid 19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Pharmaceutical Alert	19	0	0	
Medical Device Alert	2	0	0	
Medical Device(Information)	1	0	0	

Patient Safety Notice/Alert	3	0	0	
Medicine Shortages	26	0	1	We were made aware of a shortage of medicine used in the treatment of tuberculosis (TB).
Estates and Facilities Alert	0	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	7	0	0	
Public Health Alert	1	0	1	We received an alert for a heat health risk to support healthcare systems and partners to plan and prepare for hot weather scenarios.
Totals	59	0	2	

Table 2. Alerts by Division

Type of Alert	Number received	Number requiring action (Covid 19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Health & Wellbeing	0	0	0	
Knowledge	0	0	0	
WHO Collaborating	0	0	0	
QNAHPs	0	0	0	
Operations & Finance	0	0	0	
People & OD	0	0	0	
Improvement Cymru	0	0	0	
Screening	0	0	0	
Micro/Health Protection	2	0	2	Our Microbiology colleagues were alerted to the medicine shortage impacting on TB due to their involvement in the labs. Additionally, the Office of the Medical Director was alerted to the hot weather planning alert.
Estates	0	0	0	
Not Applicable	57	0	0	Not applicable after corporate review.
Totals	59	0	2	

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

Not applicable as no decision is required.

4. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- Take **assurance** on the effective management system for the distribution, management, monitoring and appropriate record keeping of Safety alerts / safety notices received by the organisation.