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Quarter 1 Alerts Report (1 April 2023 - 30 June 2023)

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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 Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- Take **assurance** on the effective management of alerts and safety notices received by Public Health Wales

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	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Theme 2 - Safe Care Theme 3 - Effective Care Theme 5 - Timely Care
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 records management 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 **48** alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period 1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023, **1** of which required action to be taken.

The only alert applicable to PHW related to the prevalence of the influenza virus indicating that community levels had fallen back to baseline , signifying an end to influenza season and the cessation of the anti-viral medication.

Table 1. Total Alerts received

Type of Alert	Number Received (Totals)	Number requiring action (Covid 19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Pharmaceutical Alert	11	0	1	Pharmaceutical alert regarding the cessation of antiviral medications for seasonal influenza illnesses
Medical Device Alert	1	0	0	
Medical Device(Information)	2	0	0	
Patient Safety Notice/Alert	0	0	0	
Medicine Shortages	20	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	0	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	14	0	0	
Public Health Alert	0	0	0	
Totals	48	0	1	

Table 2. Alerts by Division

Type of Alert	Number Received (Totals)	Number requiring action (Covid 19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Health and 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	
NHS Wales Collaborative	0	0	0	
Screening	0	0	0	
Microbiology/Health Protection	1	0	1	This alert was shared with the Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme due to it involving flu.
Estates	0	0	0	
Not Applicable	47	0	0	Not applicable after corporate review
Totals	48	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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