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2025/008	Part 4 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Introduction of a National Mandatory Licensing Scheme for Special Procedures in Wales	Action, Information	Applicable	27/06/2025	10/07/2025	17/07/2025	MK - National D...	31/07/2025	31/07/2025	This WHC has been enacted. The WHC has been circulated to key health professionals in PHW Trust i.e., the health protection team. The HARP IPC were co- authors of this document in collaboration with WG. The legislation document has been placed on the HARP IPC web page as a resource for organisations within Wales. Hyperlink: Infection Prevention & Control - Public Health Wales = https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/antibiotics-and-infections/infection-prevention-control/	Yes
2025/011	Introduction of The NHS Wales Digital Health Identity Standard for Primary Care (NHS Login) Date of Review: September 2025	Information	Applicable	11/04/2025	11/04/2025	15/04/2025	IB - National Dir...	09/07/2025	09/07/2025	This WHC has been enacted. Relevant action has been incorporated in to the planning for the Digital and Data Portfolio.	Yes
2025/012	Interim Amendments to the Model Standing Financial Instructions Chapter 11 for Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales, and Chapter 12 for Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) and Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)	Compliance	Applicable	29/05/2025	29/05/2025	30/05/2025	AW - Executive ...	31/07/2025	31/07/2025	Approved by Board 31 July 2025.	Yes
2025/013	2025/26 NHS Wales Financial Monitoring Return Guidance	Compliance	Applicable	24/04/2025	24/04/2025	28/04/2025	AW - Executive ...	28/07/2025	28/07/2025	This WHC has been enacted at PHW, it is applicable to all NHS organisations and therefore confirm that it was enacted at PHW and adhered to for Month 1 reporting timescales. It is a well-rehearsed process that we will follow for 25/26 financial reporting.	Yes
2025/019	Changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule and to the selective hepatitis B vaccination programme from 01 July 2025	Action	Applicable	13/05/2025	13/05/2025	14/05/2025	MK - National D...	09/06/2025	09/06/2025	We are in the process of delivering the required support for this change (including information resources, training, revised surveillance products) on the agreed schedule. We will be fully compliant by the time the programme launches on the 1st July.	Yes
2025/020	The National Influenza Immunisation Programme 2025-26	Compliance, Action	Applicable	05/06/2025	06/06/2025	06/06/2025	MK - National D..., CB Executive Dir...		22/09/2025	This WHC has been enacted. All our actions have been delivered. The delivery of the enabling materials, and appropriate surveillance produced by Public Health Wales to support Local Health Boards in their delivery of the programme has been incorporated into our work planning, and is on course for delivery prior to the start of the campaign. Actions will be completed when the programme formally launches in September 2025.	Yes
2025/021	Introduction of routine vaccination programmes for the prevention of mpox and gonorrhoea	Action	Applicable	02/06/2025	03/06/2025	06/06/2025	MK - National D...		31/07/2025	This WHC has been enacted and the programme has commenced. Enabling materials, and appropriate surveillance produced by Public Health Wales to support Local Health Boards in their delivery of the programme have been developed.	Yes
2025/022	The national COVID-19 vaccination programme autumn 2025	Action, Compliance	Applicable	27/06/2025	10/07/2025	17/07/2025	MK - National D...		20/10/2025	20 October 2025. This WHC can be closed, it has been enacted as the programme has started. July 30 response: This WHC is being enacted. The delivery of the enabling materials, and appropriate surveillance produced by Public Health Wales to support Local Health Boards in their delivery of the programme has been incorporated into our work planning, and is on course for delivery prior to the start of the campaign Actions will be completed when the programme formally launches in October 2025.	Yes
2025/023	PPE stockpile volumes in Wales	Information	Applicable	13/06/2025	13/06/2025	18/06/2025	MK - National D..., CB Executive Dir...		05/08/2025	This WHC has been enacted. Relevant actions have been incorporated in to the planning for PPE for business as usual and pandemic: • It is applicable to purchasing for PHW Trust corporate services for screening services and microbiology etc. • The WHC has been circulated to key health professionals in PHW Trust who are responsible for ordering and managing PPE and cleaning products in their services and does not change the current ordering process for business as usual products. • PHW corporate services will adhere to national IPC guidance for PPE and consumables as advised to WG by HARP team, PHW. The specification of PPE ensemble items is detailed in NIPCM Wales for transmission based precautions	Yes

2025/027	Changes to supply of Gluten Free Foods in Wales; All-Wales Gluten Free Subsidy Card Scheme	Action	Applicable	16/07/2025	16/07/2025	18/07/2025	MK - National D...	07/08/2025	08/08/2025	This WHC is not relevant to PHW, it is for HBs, GPs and Pharmacies. There was a GF Subsidy Card Scheme delivery board established in 2023. We need to check as it would have been unlikely that we had a representative on that. It is asking for HBs to identify an executive director as SRO for the scheme to enable local implementation so it is not relevant for us.	Yes
2025/028	Expansion of the shingles immunisation programme for severely immunosuppressed individuals aged 18-49	Action	Applicable	09/07/2025	09/07/2025		MK - National D...		26/08/2025	This WHC has been enacted. The delivery of the enabling materials, and appropriate surveillance produced by Public Health Wales to support Local Health Boards in their delivery of the programme has been incorporated into our work planning, and is on course for delivery prior to the start of the campaign. Actions were completed when the programme formally launched in August 2025	Yes
2025/038	All-Wales NHS Accessible Communication and Information Standards	Compliance	Applicable	22/09/2025	22/09/2025	24/09/2025	MK - National D... CB Executive Dir...				In progress
2025/039	AMR & HCAI IMPROVEMENT GOALS FOR 2025-2027	Action Information	Applicable	22/10/2025	23/10/2025	27/10/2025	MK - National D... CB Executive Dir...	18/11/2025	18/11/2025	This WHC is primarily directed at the Health Boards and Trusts who provide direct healthcare. The HARP programme provides advice to WG in the development of the WHC and provide the surveillance data that underpins the improvement goals. In that respect we have incorporated reporting against these improvement goals as part of our HCAI / AMU & AMR surveillance outputs. We also provide support to the Health Boards and Trusts in Wales in relation to IPC and Antimicrobial Stewardship activities that may assist them to meet these improvement goals. In those terms above therefore, the actions relevant to PHW from this WHC have been enacted and we remain in close contact with colleagues in WG in regard to the monitoring of the Health Boards and Trusts against this WHC.	Yes
2025/046	The introduction of a routine NHS varicella (chickenpox) vaccination programme for young children in Wales from 1 January 2026	Action	Applicable	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	MK - National D...				In progress
2025/049	Welsh Health Circular in respect of development and implementation of a Patient Travel Policy	Compliance Policy	Applicable	15/12/2025	15/12/2025	22/12/2025	MK - National D...				In progress
2025/052	COVID-19 spring vaccination programme 2026	Action Compliance	Applicable	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	26/01/2026	MK - National D...		27/01/2026	This WHC has been enacted. Relevant action has been incorporated in to the planning for the COVID-19 spring vaccination programme 2026.	Yes
2025/053	Expansion of RSV vaccine eligibility to adults aged 80+ and residents in a care home for older adults	Action Compliance	Applicable	02/02/2026	02/02/2026	03/02/2026	MK - National D...	10/02/2026	10/02/2026	This WHC has been enacted. Relevant action has been incorporated in to the planning and delivery of the expansion of RSV vaccine eligibility to adults aged 80+ and residents in a care home for older adults ready to go live in April 2026.	Yes
2026/002	Modernised Outpatient Dataset Phase 2: Planned Care activity.	Compliance	Applicable	04/03/2026	03/03/2026	04/03/2026	IB - National Dir...	11/03/2026			In progress
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2025/004	NHS Wales National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan Annual Rolling Programme for 2025/26	Action Information	Not Applicable	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	16/04/2025	CB Executive Dir...	02/05/2025	02/05/2025	A review of our compliance against the request and details within this WHC has taken place. The WHC 2025 004 is not applicable to PHW. As an organisation PHW solely provide data sets for inclusion in annual reporting, no actions will fall directly to Public Health Wales, these will be directed through national groups.	Yes	
2025/006	Recording of Mental Health Outcome Measures	Action	Not Applicable	06/05/2025	06/05/2025	14/05/2025	JMcM - Nationa...	14/05/2025	14/05/2025	Not Applicable	Yes	
2025/010	Arrangements for the prescribing of antiviral and neutralising monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19	Action	Not Applicable	11/04/2025	11/04/2025	15/04/2025	MK - National D...	11/07/2025	11/07/2025	Not directly relevant to us.	Yes	
2025/016	Update on NHS Wales vaccination programme against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Action	Not Applicable	06/05/2025	06/05/2025	14/05/2025	MK - National D...		09/06/2025		Yes	
2025/017	Tranexamic Acid use: Recommendation 7a of the Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI)	Action	Not Applicable	06/05/2025	06/05/2025	14/05/2025	MK - National D...	29/05/2025	29/05/2025	This is not applicable to PHW. We do not provide any in-patient care or care that requires surgery or blood transfusions.	Yes	
2025/018	Tirzepatide (Monjouro®) for the management of obesity and overweight	Action	Not Applicable	09/05/2025	09/05/2025				12/05/2025	Not Applicable	Yes	
2025/024	NHS Wales hearing care: future approach to audiology services	Action	Not Applicable	11/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	MK - National D... CB Executive Dir... JMcM - Nationa...	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	A review of our compliance against this WHC has taken place.. Whilst it does not directly relate to PHW as we do not directly provide audiology services, we will ensure the information and guidance within the WHC is reflected in the work we do e.g. the Accessible Information Standards.	Yes	
2025/025	Overseas Visitors' Eligibility to Receive Free Primary Care	Compliance Action Information	Not Applicable	11/07/2025	11/07/2025	17/07/2025	JMcM - Nationa...	28/07/2025	28/07/2025	This WHC is not applicable to Public Health Wales since we don't provide primary care.	Yes	
2025/026	The safe and responsible adoption of ambient voice technologies ('AI Scribes') in clinical and practice settings	Interim Position	Not Applicable	04/08/2025	04/08/2025	06/08/2025	MK - National D... IB - National Dir...	18/08/2025	08/08/2025	WHC 2025 026 is not applicable to PHW, and we do not use AVT in any patient facing situations. Please complete the WHC Register stating this and marking the process as completed.	Yes	
2025/029	Introduction of Nirsevimab passive immunisation against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in at risk infants for upcoming 2025/26 RSV Season	Action	Not Applicable	14/07/2025	14/07/2025	18/07/2025	MK - National D...	30/07/2025	30/07/2025	There are no actions for PHW in relation to this WHC	Yes	
2025/031	3Ps Waiting Well single point of contact (SPOC) activity and outcomes data reporting	Policy	Not Applicable	26/09/2025	26/09/2025	29/09/2025	MK - National D... IB - National Dir...	01/10/2025	02/10/2025	Not applicable.	Yes	
2025/034	Implementation of the Planned Care Referrals DSCN (DSCN 2024/11)	Delivery Performance	Not Applicable	25/09/2025	25/09/2025	25/09/2025	MK - National D... IB - National Dir...	17/10/2025	17/10/2025	This WHC has been reviewed by PHW Digital Services Team and HPSS Team and the WHC is not currently relevant to PHW current services. As at 30/09/2025 no actions are needed.	Yes	
2025/037	Infected Blood Inquiry: Implementation of Recommendation 7e: Implementing SHOT reports	Action	Not Applicable	25/09/2025	25/09/2025	25/09/2025	MK - National D... CB Executive Dir...	06/10/2025	07/10/2025	Not Applicable to PHW.	Yes	
2025/042	Update: NHS Wales national clinical audit and outcome review plan 2025 to 2026	Action Information	Not Applicable	20/10/2025	21/10/2025				27/10/2025	Not Applicable.	Yes	
2025/043	New clinical pathway for treating and managing obesity	Action	Not Applicable	23/10/2025	23/10/2025	27/10/2025	JMcM - Nationa...	27/10/2025	27/10/2025	We, as PHW provide support for the systems and pathways to develop, we are not the delivery arm, for prescribing which is the focus of this WHC. Therefore, this WHC is not for us to enact.	Yes	
2025/045	Revisions to the Standing Orders for the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee	Compliance	Not Applicable	28/10/2025	28/10/2025				28/10/2025	Not Applicable.	Yes	
2025/051	Safety netting discharge leaflets for adults and children	Action	Not Applicable	08/12/2025	08/12/2025	08/12/2025	CB Executive Dir...		08/12/2025	Not Applicable.	Yes	
2025/055	2026-27 Health Board allocation	Compliance	Not Applicable	19/12/2025	19/12/2025			29/12/2025	29/12/2025	Not Applicable.	Yes	
2026/001	Timelines and responsibilities for implementing the patient and family-initiated escalation approach, Call4Concern	Quality and Safe...	Not Applicable	08/01/2026	08/01/2026					Not Applicable.	Yes	
2026/007	Critical UK-wide Bone Cement Shortage – Immediate National Requirements for NHS Wales	Action	Not Applicable	24/02/2026	24/02/2026				03/03/2026	Not Applicable.	Yes	

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2025/044	Code of Practice Quality Assurance and Performance Management, Escalating Concerns, and Closure of Regulated Care and Support Services	Action Compliance Legislation	Being Assessed	04/02/2026	03/03/2026	03/03/2026					In progress	
2025/054	A change of vaccine product for the routine adult pneumococcal vaccination programme, and those with certain clinical risk conditions.	Action	Being Assessed	17/12/2025	17/12/2025	17/12/2025	MK - National D... CB Executive Dir...				In progress	
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