



Guidance for the investigation of *Cryptosporidium* linked to swimming pools

Appendix 3: Sources of Independent Advice Regarding Swimming Pools

Agencies: Public Health Wales, Public Health England, Local Authorities, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group and the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity.

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- Links from Public Health Wales (Intranet), Public Health England (Internet) and websites of partner organisations

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Purpose of Document:

This is Appendix 3 of a document that has been drawn up by a task and finish group to provide guidance to public health professionals on the prevention and investigation of cases of cryptosporidiosis linked to swimming pools in England and Wales.

Summary of document:

This appendix provides contact details for obtaining independent advice regarding swimming pools.

Work Plan reference: Cryptosporidium Reference Unit 2010/11

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Organisation	Description	Contact details	Areas of expertise
Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group (PWTAG)	An independent, not-for-profit, membership organisation with the sole objective of raising standards in the quality and treatment of swimming pool water. Membership is drawn from a wide range of relevant statutory, voluntary and professional organisations with an interest in pool water treatment and pool users.	Pavilion 3, SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough University, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF Tel: 01509 640 730 customerservices@pwtag.org www.pwtag.org	All aspects of the water treatment of swimming pools, spas and specialist pools. Hydraulics, filtration, disinfection, chemical and microbiological monitoring, chemical safety etc. Compliance with PWTAG Code of Practice ensures that the technical operation of a pool meets quality standards that provide a healthy experience for swimmers using recognised and established practices, techniques, engineering and design.
Swim England	Swim England Facilities provide support and consultancy for all public facilities relating to the technical operation of swimming pool and aquatic environments. This consultation is free of charge and can come in the form of oral or written advice and in some cases site visits containing more detailed conditioning reports.	Swim England 3 Oakwood Drive Loughborough Leics LE11 3QF Tel: 01509 640000 facilities@swimming.org	Technical operation of swimming pool and aquatic environments

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Public Health England (PHE)	<p>Public Health England provides expert public health advice, support and services tailored to local needs. There is a postcode lookup on the website to find your local contact.</p> <p>PHE's FW&E laboratories protect the public from significant health threats associated with food, water and environmental hazards.</p> <p>Additional support and advice can be provided by the scientists in the Field Service (site visits, environmental investigations), and the Field Epidemiology Service (data management and interpretation, case definitions).</p>	<p>61 Colindale Avenue London NW9 5EQ</p> <p>Tel: 0208 200 4400 or 0208 200 6868</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-regions-and-local-centres</p>	Infectious disease investigation, management and advice.
Cryptosporidium Reference Unit	<p>Advice on the investigation, epidemiology, control and prevention of <i>Cryptosporidium</i>.</p> <p>Host site for this Guidance</p> <p>Reference Laboratory services for the differential diagnosis, confirmation and genotyping of referred isolates and samples.</p> <p>Research and development to support these services</p>	<p>Public Health Wales Microbiology, Singleton Hospital, Swansea SA2 8QA</p> <p>Tel: 01792 285341</p> <p>Swansea.Crypto@wales.nhs.uk</p> <p>www.publichealthwales.org/cryptorefunit www.publichealthwales.org/cryptopoolguidance</p>	All aspects of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and cryptosporidiosis

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Independent consultancy practices	Must be suitably qualified and experienced within the swimming pool field. The consultant should be a member of a recognised professional body within the industry e.g. PWTAG, and be professionally qualified in microbiology/biology, chemistry or engineering (as appropriate) with a demonstrated track record in swimming pool investigations.		
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