

**PWYLLGOR IECHYD A DIOGELWCH  
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	10 July 2023
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Critical Threat Level Response Framework
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Alison Shakeshaft, Director of Therapies & Health Science
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Ar Gyfer Penderfyniad/For Decision

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

The Committee is asked to consider the attached Framework which has been reviewed to facilitate the Health Board response to a rise in the UK Counter Terrorism Threat Level to CRITICAL.

**Cefndir / Background**

In response to the terrorist threat, the UK Government through the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) assesses the likelihood of a terrorist attack on the UK, publishing the threat to the country in the form of one of five threat levels.

**UK Threat Levels:**

- **LOW** means an attack is highly unlikely in the near future
- **MODERATE** means an attack is possible, but not likely
- **SUBSTANTIAL** means an attack is likely
- **SEVERE** means an attack is highly likely
- **CRITICAL** means an attack is highly likely in the near future

The UK threat level related to international threats is currently SUBSTANTIAL (was reduced on 09 Feb 2023 from SEVERE). There were 2 instances of threat levels being raised to CRITICAL in 2017.

**Asesiad / Assessment**

**The response in Wales**

Since the two instances in 2017 of the threat level being raised to CRITICAL, Health organisations in Wales are asked annually by Welsh Government to confirm their response arrangements. Health organisations have adopted different levels of response depending on location, engagement with neighbouring trauma networks and organisational remit.

### **The Hywel Dda response**

Hywel Dda has collaborated with Swansea Bay University Health Board to develop a response framework that details appropriate measures and identifies responsibilities, to ensure we respond effectively and proportionately to a rise to CRITICAL. The framework also details how we will respond to a direct/credible risk to the Health Board and maintain the appropriate level of preparedness and response.

The protocol focuses on 3 scenarios:

1. UK Government increase the threat level based on intelligence prior to an attack.
2. UK Government increases the threat level following an attack on mainland UK or any of its territories.
3. Direct/credible threat to the Health Board itself resulting in a similar approach being required, even though this would not impact on the UK Government threat levels.

Executive Leads for EPRR for both Hywel Dda and SBUHB, Communications Leads, Security Managers and the Health Boards EPRR Group, together with Local Counter Terrorism Security Advisors have inputted into the framework. No comments were received following the formal consultation period.

Whilst the protocol has been developed jointly with SBUHB, it will be activated independently, and has been localised to reflect roles within our Health Board.

### **Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to approve this framework for the management of the Health Board response to a rise in UK Threat level to CRITICAL and to respond to a direct/credible risk to the Health Board.

### **Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)**

#### **Objectives: (must be completed)**

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	2.1 Provide assurance around the UHB arrangements for ensuring the health, safety, welfare and security of all employees and of those who may be affected by work-related activities, such as patients, members of the public, volunteers contractors etc. 2.6 Provide assurance to the Board that the UHB's Emergency Management Plan is underpinned by policy and protocols, planning and performance targets and strategies to address risks to business continuity. 3.6 Ensure that service/business continuity plans are in place for major incidents and emergency situations that affect the provision of normal services, that staff have been trained to enable them to manage a major incident or emergency, and that lessons learned are incorporated into future planning.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd:	6. All Apply

Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	All Planning Objectives Apply Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	10. Not Applicable Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.

<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Not applicable
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the document
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd Iechyd a Diogelwch: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Health and Safety Committee:	SBUHB EPRR Team/Dyfed Powys Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisors Action Card Holders HDUHB EPRR Group

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	Potential risk to the health and safety of staff, patients and visitors.
<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	No adverse impacts identified