

Y PWYLLGOR ANSAWDD, DIOGELWCH A PHROFIAD QUALITY, SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	09 August 2022
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Public Health Update
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas) Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

ADRODDIAD SCAA SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

The Public Health Directorate brings regular updates regarding the Llwynhendy Tuberculosis (TB) outbreak and external review to the Quality and Safety Experience Committee (QSEC). Ahead of the QSEC in August 2022, it has been highlighted that there are a number of changes in quality and safety reporting from the Public Health Directorate, and a number of areas outside of Llwynhendy that require escalation. Therefore, an overall public health update including quality, safety and patient experience aspects of the following areas has been provided, alongside a summary around future reporting plans for quality, safety and patient experience aspects of public health directorate work. The scope of this report includes:

- HDdUHB response to the arrival of those seeking sanctuary in HDd from Ukraine
- Tuberculosis, screening and outbreak update
- Monkeypox outbreak response
- HDdUHB Flu and COVID-19 vaccine programmes
- Wider vaccination programme update

Outside of the scope of this report is quality and safety aspects of health visiting and school nursing. These are presented through separate reports.

Cefndir / Background

The Public Health directorate have had a number of reporting mechanisms over the past few years. Llwynhendy updates come directly to QSEC. Vaccination and Immunisation updates regarding quality and safety issues, vaccine availability and any vaccine acquisition decisions are escalated to QSEC where necessary through the Medicines Management Operational Group (MMOG), which the Vaccine Programme group feeds into. Vaccine uptake is reported through performance delivery structures, currently via Strategic development and operational delivery committee (SDODC). Health protection and emergency planning issues are reported directly to QSEC or the Executive team as appropriate. The flu vaccination plan is reported to board annually. Health improvement planning objectives are mainly reported through SDODC. Health visiting and school nursing risks are reported directly to QSEC.

To ensure nothing is missed, it is imperative that public health directorate risks are captured, discussed and escalated appropriately through a single process going forward.

Asesiad / Assessment

In May 2022 the Public Health Directorate set up a 'Public Health Directorate: Quality, Safety and Experience' meeting, to meet monthly. Initially reporting mechanisms will remain unchanged and the meeting will serve the purpose of allowing a directorate risk register to be developed, risk owners to be identified and processes to deal with risks established. All members of the directorates senior and wider leadership teams, responsible for public health service delivery areas or planning objectives, will be expected to report through the new structure and contribute actively to discussions in addition to current mechanisms. Once established, meetings will move to bi-monthly and, where agreed with leads and QSEC, reporting will formally move to be through this group. The escalation structures (whether through operational QSEC or direct to QSEC) are currently being discussed and any changes will be with agreement of quality and safety leads.

Terms of reference for the 'Public Health Directorate: Quality, Safety and Experience' meeting are here: [\Public Health Wellbeing Directorate QSE Group ToR approved v1.0.doc](#)

Ukraine response update:

As of 12th July 2022, Hywel Dda had welcomed 68 families (247 people) into the Supersponsor welcome centre and 38 people into emergency accommodation/hotels as part of the Supersponsor scheme. All arriving in the welcome centre or the temporary accommodation have been screened as part of an initial health assessment (IHA) which includes ensuring they do not have signs or symptoms of active TB and ensuring any urgent health needs can be met, however as people continue to arrive it is difficult to offer this service on site due to primary care availability. All eligible (over 11's) have been offered active and latent TB screening (Bloods and X Rays).

121 people, over 11 years of age, staying in Hywel Dda UHB as part of the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme have attended a TB screening clinic, either in Cardigan Integrated Care Centre (ICC), Prince Phillip Hospital, Withybush Hospital or another location. 42 are booked into upcoming clinics which leaves 124 eligible people to be screened who are currently in the Hywel Dda area.

A weekly verbal update is provided to the Executive team, including a monthly written update. This includes any quality and safety issues regarding TB screening.

The main risks around TB screening for Ukrainian people seeking sanctuary in Hywel Dda are:

- Difficulties contacting patients
- Limited clinics in Pembrokeshire area (now largely resolved)
- Difficulties booking radiology appointments (now largely resolved)

The main risks regarding hosting those seeking sanctuary in Hywel Dda, outside of TB screening are:

- The health system in Ukraine functions differently to that of the UK, with instant access to specialists in Ukraine for a fee. As a result, health seeking behaviours are different in Ukraine to in the UK and there is some frustration regarding the UK system at times. The community development outreach team are regularly at our supersponsor sites offering advice to families about the NHS and accessing healthcare.
- The vaccination programme in Ukraine varies slightly from that in the UK, and many people are not keen to move to the UK schedule. This is causing some demand for earlier MMR2's and a reluctance to accept some vaccinations not offered in Ukraine. Additionally, the COVID-19 vaccine programme roll out had not reached the booster

vaccine stage at the start of the war, so while many adults have received 2 vaccines, most have not had a booster and are reluctant to do so while in the UK

- There has been one COVID-19 outbreak at a Supersponsor site. The risk of COVID-19 does not appear to be disproportionately above what we are seeing in the community.

Llwynhendy TB outbreak:

Overall, there have been 245 cases of latent TB identified as part of the outbreak. 185 have been treated and the other 60 are on active monitoring, requiring a chest x-ray and symptom screen every six months. There have been 33 active cases of TB identified as part of the outbreak.

The external review into Llwynhendy outbreak response is ongoing. Results are expected in October 2022. The Health Board have a corporate risk around potential reputational damage, however mitigation measures are in place. There is a possibility that the service will be highlighted as understaffed and this has been an issue for some years. The team have a paper going to 'Use of Resources' on 10th August 2022 to request additional funding and staff to secure a sustainable service going forward. The Health Board also have a planning objective around ensuring a safe and sustainable health protection service, including TB response, going forward. There are no additional updates since the last Llwynhendy outbreak update to QSEC in February 2022

Monkeypox:

As of 25th July 2022 Wales had confirmed a total of 30 cases of monkeypox. Only one of these cases has been in the Hywel Dda area. The individual did not meet the profile seen in most cases related to the large international outbreak, and as such there was no obvious route of transmission to the case. A risk assessment led to communications with a number of people who used the same gym and salon as the case, however no additional linked cases were identified. In June 2022 Welsh Government obtained a small number of smallpox vaccines for pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis. Hywel Dda UHB have given 1 post exposure vaccination. Planned vaccination of potentially high risk individuals has been paused due to vaccine availability and low case numbers in the Hywel Dda area. This position is continually under review.

Flu and covid vaccination programmes:

Uptake of flu vaccine for the 2021-22 season is reported through SDODC. This year saw Hywel Dda become the only health board to vaccinate more health board staff than in 2020-21. Similarly, uptake of COVID-19 vaccination is reported directly through to the Executive team. There are no currently supply or safety issues relating to flu or COVID-19 vaccination. For 2021-22 a co-delivery model will be implemented in the Hywel Dda area, with General Practices and Pharmacies delivering COVID-19 and flu vaccinations together. There are a number of risks associated with this model including the potential need for covid vaccinations before surgeries and pharmacies have a supply of flu vaccines. However, we know from our experience with calling people into mass vaccination centres, that in the Hywel Dda UHB area most people prefer their care to be close to home, and that uptake is better when people are able to receive vaccination at their GP surgery compared to any requirement to travel to an MVC. There are mitigation measures in place should delivery in General Practice and Community Pharmacy become difficult, and these will be captured as part of the final covid and flu delivery plans reported through SDODC, Executive Team meetings and Board in Autumn 2022.

Childhood vaccinations:

Work is ongoing into a deep dive around childhood vaccinations, prompted by the latest COVER report data which shows decreasing MMR2 uptake. The assumption that MMR uptake is limited only by acceptability issues is disproved to some extent by the difference in our MMR1 and MMR2 rates across all 3 counties, and issues around accessibility are therefore also being

explored. The deep dive is being led by HDdUHB Senior Vaccination and Immunisation Coordinator, HDdUHB Senior Public Health Practitioner for Vaccination and Immunisations, and a Speciality Registrar in Public Health. As part of the deep dive views of General Practice colleagues have been sought regarding what works well and what doesn't work well in terms of vaccine delivery. Efforts have also been made to ensure childhood vaccine data is recorded and presented in a consistent way. The deep dive will be presented to PH QSEC and to SDODC in Autumn 2022 and from this a strategy focussed on decreasing the deprivation gradient around uptake and increasing overall accessibility and acceptability of childhood vaccines across Hywel Dda will be developed, for implementation in Q4 2022-23.

Reporting mechanisms for childhood vaccine uptake will continue to be via the Primary Care and Childhood vaccine group, which reports into the Vaccine Programme group. At this point quality and safety issues will be escalated through PH QSEC or MMOG for further escalation as appropriate. Regular uptake reports will continue to be provided through SDODC.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Committee is asked to take assurance from the information presented in the paper, noting the development and formalising of a system specifically to address risks identified within the Public Health directorate, and the actions ongoing to address and mitigate for quality and safety issues across the directorate.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)	
Objectives: (must be completed)	
Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	Relevant papers embedded in the text
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	N/A
Safon(au) Gofal ac Iechyd: Health and Care Standard(s):	1.1 Health Promotion, Protection and Improvement
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	4. The best health and wellbeing for our individuals, families and communities
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2018-2019	4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol:**Further Information:**

Ar sail tystiolaeth:
Evidence Base:

Rhestr Termau:
Glossary of Terms:

Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd
ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd,
Diogelwch a Phrofiod:
Parties / Committees consulted prior
to Quality, Safety and Experience
Committee:

QSEC: Quality Safety and Experience Committee
PH: Public Health
SDODC: Strategic development and operational delivery
committee
TB: Tuberculosis

PH QSEC- all
SDODC- flu and covid vaccine plan for Autumn 2022