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# Hospital COVID-19 Outbreak Update

# Hywel Dda Covid-19 Outbreaks

Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the Health Board has/is managing 31 Hospital Outbreaks

Hospital	Number of Outbreaks	Closure days - Average days
BGH	3	14 days (7 - 14)
GGH	10	23 days (17 – 34)
PPH	5	18 days (10 - 24)
WGH	8	13 days (9 – 15)
Community	5	22 days (15 – 35 )

# Definition

Definition of an outbreak of healthcare-associated COVID-19 infection in an inpatient setting:

*Two or more confirmed or clinically suspected cases of COVID-19 among individuals (e.g. patients, healthcare workers (HCW), other hospital staff and regular visitors e.g. volunteers, chaplains) associated with a specific setting (e.g. bay, ward or shared space), where at least one case (if a patient) may have been acquired after admission to hospital / or for staff acquisition linked to the healthcare setting.*

# Management

- Outbreak Control Team (OCT) - multidisciplinary membership, Clinical Teams, Management & PHW
- Clinical patient review, updates
- Review of PPE - visors to be worn on all outbreak wards
- Enhanced Cleaning & Cleaning technology
- Staff wellbeing – screening, psychological support
- Communication – Patients, family, staff & public
- Daily Sitreps to Welsh Government
  
- Screening
  - All patients screened for Covid-19 on admission
  - Review of low level results
  - All patients who develop symptoms are re-screened
  - POCT in A&E

# Risks

## Patient Flow

- Admission of positive cases to blocked beds
- Conversion of Outbreak wards to Red Covid wards.
- Discharge planning - Care homes under restrictions, patient review for care packages, discharge home with vulnerable contacts.

## Staffing Levels

- Clear process for testing
- Review of asymptomatic positive staff -
- Amalgamation of Outbreak wards, to support staffing or open non-covid beds

## Contact Tracing

- Exploring test to release with WG/PHW
- Review of work based contacts, discussion with TTP
- Symptomatic family members

# Learning

- Covid OB Guidance - Developed in line with WG 16 Point Plan
- Review of social distancing arrangements on Covid Red & Outbreak Wards
- IP Escalation Plan for Covid-19 Period
- Transfer of asymptomatic positive patients to Field and Community Hospitals at 10 days (reduced from 14 days)
- Supporting discharge of post covid patients to Own home/Care home/ Care packages
- Community & Field Hospital admission criteria - Group 1, 2 &3 patients

# Recommendation

QSEAC is asked to take assurance that:

- Outbreaks are effectively managed,
- Learning is actively taken forward,
- Risk assessments in place for changes in practise, patient management.