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11th OCT COVID-19 2 SISTERS PLANT

Date of meeting: 01 July 2020

Time of meeting: 13:30-14:30

Venue for meeting: Skype meeting

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Present:

	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHW – OCT Chair	
	Healthcare Epidemiologist, PHW	
	Senior Nurse HARP, PHW	
	Lead Health Protection Nurse, PHW	
	Specialist Registrar, PHW	
	Communications Manager, PHW	
	Deputy Director of Public Health Services, PHW	
	Consultant in Health Protection, PHW	
	Information Analyst, PHW	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW	
	TTP Cell Representative, PHW	
	Senior Medical Officer, WG	
	Environmental Health Manager, Anglesey CBC	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Team Leader, Food Safety and Food Standards, Flintshire CBC	
	Public Protection Manager, Gwynedd CBC	

	Head of Regulatory Services, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Health & Safety Executive	
	Incident Officer, Food Standards Agency	
	North Wales Police	
	Staff Officer, North Wales Police	
	North Wales LRF Coordinator	
	Testing Lead for BCUHB	
	Primary Care Representative, BCUHB	
	GP Partner, Primary Care, BCUHB	
	Taking minutes	

Apologies:

		in attendance
		in attendance
	Disconnected from meeting due to technical issues	

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies ■ welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting and action log The minutes from the previous meeting (29/06/2020) will be circulated in due course. Refer to the updated action log for wider comments. The following actions remain ongoing: 76, 83. These actions relate to the contractors and ■ agreed to forward written confirmation that all had been contacted with advice to self-isolate to ■ before these actions are closed. Note: Actions 08 and 77 relate to wider issues that remain ongoing with the CRM. ■ is addressing these outside of this meeting so it was agreed to remove these from the OCT-specific actions.	
3.	Epidemiological summary of cases ■ noted the latest figures, which were circulated just before the meeting and extended thanks to ■ and ■ for pulling the summary together. Headline figures as of noon today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 584 associated cases were identified and invited for testing, of these 524 have received results We do not have results for 60 individuals, of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 were included in the mass sampling exercise, with results currently outstanding 	

- 44 who are yet to come forward for testing
- ■ additional staff were not in work during the period of interest (due to shielding or self-isolation) and will not be followed up
- 217 have tested positive
- 306 have tested negative
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In relation to visitors and contractors, 35 were identified and 14 have been tested. OF the remaining 21, 2 Sisters advise that 11 have booked a test.

The 10 Sandycroft staff who were previously identified were tested. [REDACTED]

████ confirmed that all associated staff and contractors have been contacted with advice to self-isolate, even if testing has not been accessed.

██████ has received an update from the CTU advising 20 staff have turned up for testing today. ██████

Action: [REDACTED] to forward the details of this individual to [REDACTED] for follow up.

■ confirmed that mass testing has been arranged for tomorrow at Ceris Newydd Nursing Home (Fairways Care).

█████ noted that there is a sense of confusion around testing from the community upwards. Various elected members and individuals awaiting results are contacting the team and it would be helpful to obtain a singular point of contact and telephone number to refer these on. **Action: █████ to send the contact details for the result hub through to █████ and █████ after this meeting.**

█████ is meeting with 2 Sisters later today and agreed to pick up two points raised by OCT members:

- Clarity on the 2 Sisters protocol of workers not being allowed on site – is this upon provision of evidence of a negative test result or whether a test has been carried out. There was some concern if they were advising the former, as this are disparities with the public health advice to return to work after a 7 day isolation period.

- [REDACTED] also noted that there have been reports that the company are insisting that any staff who had a negative home test, have a secondary test carried out.

[REDACTED] provided a summary of the hospitalisation paper (circulated prior to the meeting). There were no additional hospitalisations overnight. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which would imply that the surveillance system is working and picking up additional data. [REDACTED] emphasised this data is not for sharing outside of the OCT.

OCT agreed that it is important to capture that, whilst there are a high number of cases associated with this outbreak, the severe impact has been low and the hospital admissions have not been increasing as a result. This will help provide some community reassurance. [REDACTED] confirmed this could be included in tomorrow's PHW daily statement if a form of words can be agreed today.


[REDACTED] presented the epidemiology report on screen (this will be shared after today's meeting, with a caveat that this is not to be shared outside of the OCT) and [REDACTED] provided an overview of the key points:

- Of the positive cases identified, the majority being male, in the 30-39 age range
- The mapping data (based on residential address), indicates clusters, as expected due to the clustering of population in North Wales, within Bangor (Menai), Holyhead.
- The epi curve slides includes a total of 174 cases
 - *note: the end of isolation date has been used to model this, as it was the most populated "field" date*
 - *note: Lighthouse Labs data is not included*

The wider epidemiology report illustrates previous messages, where the spike in factory-associated cases is clearly demonstrated against a background level of community cases. As of today, we are not seeing an increase in these background cases, which is reassuring to OCT and reaffirms that appropriate measures are in place and having the desired effect. However, the data will continue to be monitored going forward.

[REDACTED] suggested it would be helpful to map out and analyse where staff are located within the factory, as this may help identify hot spots for possible transmission. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask the site managers to do this as they have a list

	<p>of the individuals who tested positive and will be familiar with which lines workers are allocated to. ■ agreed to pick this up to pick up with the site later today.</p>	
4.	<p>Testing and Sampling (■)</p> <p>As noted above, ■ will clarify the messages that have been reported to originate from the company around evidence of negative results and home/repeat testing.</p> <p>All of the individuals identified as not receiving results (14) or not coming forward for testing (44) have been contacted by PHW/BCu via letter.</p> <p>■ is working on consolidating a final list of those who should have been tested, against the CTU testing data. It was noted that in addition to the 550 names provided by 2 Sisters the CTU found another 150 who were swabbed. These individuals all claimed to be 2 Sisters staff and there should be a reasonable assumption that a proportion of these are employees. GB confirmed that the 584 associated cases identified (As noted under item 3) were crosschecked against the staff list from the site, who have also confirmed.</p> <p>Whilst it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a final consolidated list, ■ emphasised that additional testing in relation to the outbreak would not impact on the management of this outbreak, as effective control measures are now in place.</p> <p>■ highlighted that there is a need for clear documentation and communication around any decision to cease testing on Monday. There is still concern across the community, so clear and effective communications will be key. ■ agreed this can be picked up under Communications discussion, but added that the message from SCG is supportive of this decision.</p>	
5.	<p>Review of control measures (GB)</p> <p>■ handed over to ■ (Operations Team/Area Manager) to provide an overview of the steps being taken to ensure the plant is safe for FSA staff to attend.</p> <p>■ confirmed the site vet will return on Sunday. The company are holding a briefing with all staff (including the vet) which will go through the various changes and new measures which have been implemented. On Monday 6th July, a social distance checklist will be carried out and additionally a risk assessment will be held in every area the vet will need to attend.</p> <p>■ confirmed a HSE (announced) visit would then take place on Wednesday 8th July. Though feedback has been very positive, this will be a real assessment of how the plant are</p>	

	<p>complying once they are operational and they are keen to comply with this.</p> <p>■ highlighted that this is the first outbreak where the TTP system has been utilised. There needs to be a clear message that the control measures in place are the key factor in bringing the outbreak under control. OCT agreed that this is a difficult message to convey, but there is a need to ensure correct messages around testing necessity and impact are shared.</p>	
6.	<p>Communications (■)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media continues to reinforce messages regarding necessary control measures for the community • There is a need for additional messaging regarding the differences between the TTP approach and specific outbreak management (where there is more focused mass testing implemented). ■ to discuss with colleagues offline and it was agreed to share this messaging with OCT partner agencies • There has been relentless press reporting around the outbreaks in food plants. The key message of identifying a higher number of cases when we are actively looking to identify them needs to continue. •  <p>■ highlighted that in respect of communications, the OCT is a multi-agency partnership and any messages agreed by the OCT are not owned by PHW. Going forward, there may be a need to revisit how OCT members communicate messages via their individual organisations, rather than putting information into the daily PHW release</p> <p>■ confirmed tomorrow's statement will be reframed to one of reassurance that the control measures are proving effective the vast majority of staff have been tested and primary control measures remain in place for all cases associated with the site. ■ and ■ will draft some reactive lines, in case they are required.</p>	<p>■ OCT</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>■ has been asked to arrange an "interim" debrief and asked all members of the OCT to complete a short, web based form</p>	

	<p>(link will be circulated after the meeting). This feedback will be valuable and assist in improving our response in the future.</p> <p>█████ noted for awareness information shared this afternoon that details some steps the company are taking to update and reassure the workforce, neighbouring business and the local community. An open letter will be issued summarising the steps they have taken and will continue to take. Action: █████ to send the details to █████, who will circulate to OCT members.</p> <p>Following █████ site visit on Wednesday 8th, it was agreed to schedule an OCT meeting for Thursday 9th July. █████ also agreed to be the escalation contact on the day, if any issues need rapid escalation.</p>	
8.	Next meeting 03 July 2020 13:30-14:30	

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