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3rd OCT- COVID-19 2 SISTERS, LLANGEFNI

Date of meeting: 19 June 2020

Time of meeting: 13:30–14:30

Venue for meeting: Skype

Version: 0b

Present:

	Consultant in Health Protection, PHW- OCT Chair	
	Senior Nurse, HCAI Programme	
	Health Protection Nurse, PHW	
	Lead Nurse for Health Protection, PHW	
	Specialist Registrar- PHW	
	Information Analyst- Health Protection, PHW	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW	
	Senior Communications Manager, PHW	
	Consultant in Public Health Wales, Regional Cell Representative	
	Deputy Director of Public Health Services	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Environmental Health Manager, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Food Safety Officer, Gwynedd County Borough Council	
	Food Standards Agency	
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	Welsh Government	

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	Managing Director, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	
	Consultant, Ysbyty Gwynedd, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	
	Programme Director, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	
	Workforce Optimisation Advisor, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	
	Team Leader, Food Safety and Food Standards, Flintshire County Borough Council	
	Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager, PHW	
	Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer, PHW	
	Specialist Registrar, PHW	
	Research Scientist, PHW	
	Senior Bio Medical Scientist, Microbiology, PHW	
	Clinical Service Lead Infection Prevention, BUCHB	
	Taking minutes	

Apologies:

	Executive Director of Public Health, Betsi Cadwaladar UHB	
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1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions made and apologies noted.	
2.	Minutes from the previous meeting and action log Due to fast turnaround, minutes not circulated. Action log: 7/20 List of questions to be distributed to all Local Authorities 8/20 ongoing? 14/20 standing action 16/20, 17/20, 18/20 completed 19/20 ongoing	

	<p>22/20 in discussions with Cheshire/Merseyside about other site, no concerns raised by them about further sites in Wales</p> <p>23/20 complete</p> <p>24/20 ongoing</p> <p>31/20 complete</p> <p>32/20 no concerns raised by employees, but to be flagged to PHW for discussion with WG if arises.</p> <p>37/20 completed</p> <p>39/20 complete</p> <p>40/20 ongoing</p> <p>41/20, 42/20, 43/20 completed</p> <p>44/20 ongoing</p> <p>45/20, 46/20, 47/20 completed</p> <p>48/20 ongoing</p> <p>49/20, 50/20, 51/20, 52/20 completed</p>	
3.	<p>Background and context</p> <p>The Health Protection team were alerted to a cluster of cases linked to 2 Sister plant, Llangefni.</p> <p>Case numbers as of 15/06/20: 41</p> <p>Case number as of 17/06/20: 51</p> <p>Case numbers as of 19/06/20: 58</p> <p>All cases are confirmed as being employees of 2 Sister Plant and transmission has been identified as occurring on site and not in the community.</p> <p>██████████ invited to meeting as a number of employees have been transported from sister site in Sandycroft, and awareness is needed of anything relevant occurring in the area. Currently unaware of any clustering related to site, but there is an outstanding meeting with Polish-speaking individuals arranged for this afternoon.</p> <p>Action: Discuss with company whether hauliers have been included in list of contractors/if they fit criteria for testing</p> <p>Action: Arrange translation of existing letter to employees into Polish, Romanian and Filipino via ██████████</p>	<p>██████████</p> <p>██████████</p>

4. Epidemiology summary of cases

■ cases from yesterday, though ■ confirms there have been struggles pulling data from CRM, all cases to hopefully be analysed by end of day.

10 of 60 samples analysed during yesterday's nightshift have returned positive ie 16.7% positive. If maintained across sample, can expect approximately 90 to 100 cases as a result of this screening exercise. Data to begin appearing on CRM today and will be distributed between Anglesey and Gwynedd.

Action: Produce a definitive number of confirmed tests for the day and document how results will be compiled for reporting going forward.

Demographics and risk group of employees not available as the company do not keep record of ethnicity or pre-existing health conditions. It may be possible to ascertain further information from GPs as they have provided enough detail to find them on WDS but due to sample size (500) there has not been capacity to do this.

Regarding disease burden—the peak incubation of this wave should be around now as recent onset appears to be 05/06/20.

A) Testing

Due to time taken by the company to contact employees, the majority of testing on 18/06/20 was carried out late into the day, with the bulk of samples coming from Llangefni. As of midday today there have been additional samples submitted by Bangor (50), Holyhead (31) and Llangefni (100) bringing the total number of samples to 240. Bangor site to remain open until 1630, Holyhead and Llangefni until 2000.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that family members are also being swabbed, despite clear communication from the company that this has not be requested. Some requested tests from 18/06/2020 have been completed by hand and contain minimal information, ■ has already organised a meeting to address this with staff and will highlight if large number of additional requests received.

	<p>Action: Pending final number of samples gathered today, Holyhead and Llangefni to stay open tomorrow morning, request military remain on site in Holyhead and Llangefni at least tomorrow morning</p> <p>Action: Ensure Bangor still has sufficient capacity for testing.</p> <p>Action: Ascertain proportion of samples taken without pre-completed paperwork</p> <p>Action: Identify number of cases from workforce and number of cases in the community</p> <p>Company and union are putting out message that employees are not to car share to testing sites. They appear to primarily be communicating with employees by text, though they have circulated the letter from PHW when the plant closed.</p> <p>Action: Arrange mop-up plan of postal kits/redirection to alternate testing site. List of 20 individuals without transport/unable to travel to testing centre forwarded to [REDACTED] in BCUB</p> <p>Arriva buses have agreed to carry individuals as long as they are wearing face masks. Perspex guards/shields should be in place to protect drivers already as there is already a wider public health risk. Arriva to be contacted to discuss existing protective measures.</p> <p>Action: Contact Arriva and find out what measures are in place to protect bus drivers.</p> <p>Still awaiting confirmation of who has moved between the two different sites, of those tested yesterday the furthest was from Llandudno—but tested in Bangor or Llangefni.</p> <p>The company is a multinational who have been very co-operative with public health and expressed concern about the welfare of their staff. No suspicion of undeclared workers.</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>HPT</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
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	<p>■ confirms this additional work is being supplemented by rapid testing to minimize impact on existing workload.</p>	
5.	<p>Outbreak Discussed in item 4</p>	
6.	<p>Review of control measures Workforce at 2 Sisters have been asked to self-isolate at home for 14 days, during which the plant will be shut. A security team remains on site, but they are to self-isolate when the plant reopens to create a clear break from reintroduction of workforce. Families have also been advised to isolate if reporting symptoms or testing positive for 14 days.</p> <p>Company has agreed to work with PHW on reopening to address cultural issues, this will be discussed closer to the date of reopening, currently 12 days away.</p> <p>Still awaiting information confirming any potential spread to Sandycroft site.</p> <p>Action: Follow up for more information regarding Sandycroft site.</p> <p>There is a likelihood of potential loss of cleaners/care and healthcare staff locally as a result of this self-isolation.</p> <p>If the current 15-20% positivity rate is maintained, this could translate to 100 or so households in lockdown. This should be expected in terms of crisis management—the alternative to this lockdown being the potential seeding of new cases in healthcare settings.</p>	■
7.	<p>Communications In excess of 20 media enquiries yesterday, which is considered significant—lower today. Currently lots of coverage which is being monitored. Employees being contacted directly through company so no need to reach out via media.</p> <p>Rhythm needs to be found for communications—releases unlikely to be necessary unless we see large numbers or there is important additional information.</p>	

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	<p>Press release going out later today advising of circumstances around upcoming spike in reported positive results.</p> <p>██████ has re-iterated with NHS 111 special instructions in place due to outbreak, following forwarding of employee family member to PHW. Has advised letter was circulated to all employees.</p>	
8.	AOB Nothing to report	
9.	Next meeting Saturday 20 June 2020 13:30	

Actions:

See separate action log