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## Quarter 1 Alerts Report (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30th June 2021)

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<b>Approval/Scrutiny route:</b>	Business Executive Team Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee
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### **Purpose**

This exception report provides an update on the management of alerts received by Public Health Wales

### **Recommendation:**

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The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Note** the report for information.

**Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)**

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities.

This report contributes to the following: **Contributes to all priorities**

<b>Strategic Priority</b>	Choose an item.
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**Summary impact analysis**

<b>Equality and Health Impact Assessment</b>	An assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
<b>Risk and Assurance</b>	Public Health Wales is required to implement and maintain systems for alert dissemination and review.
<b>Health and Care Standards</b>	This report supports and/or takes into account the <a href="#">Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales</a> Quality Themes  Theme 2 - Safe Care Choose an item. Choose an item.
<b>Financial implications</b>	None
<b>People implications</b>	None

## 1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of the report is to provide assurance that Public Health Wales has an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts / safety notices received. Reporting is by exception.

## 2. Background

Public Health Wales is required to ensure that all alerts are communicated promptly to all relevant members of staff employed within the Trust. Although in the majority of cases, alerts are not relevant to Public Health Wales, we must be able to satisfy ourselves that we have checked and confirmed the status of each alert, and that where appropriate alerts are acted on in a timely manner, and within the timescales stated in order to safeguard service users, staff and visitors from harm.

## 3. Description/Assessment

A total of 38 alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period, of which 8 required action to be taken. Out of the total of 8 requiring action, 4 of these were related to Covid19 and 4 were unrelated.

- The one patient safety notice is regarding Deterioration due to rapid offload of pleural effusion fluid from chest drains
- The one High Voltage alert is regarding Arc flash incident with Schneider ACTi 9 Isobar LV DB
- The two unrelated Public Health alert are regarding an update on ordering influenza Vaccines and an update on Pneumovax 23® vaccine supplies
- The four Covid related Public Health alerts are
  - COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and thromboembolic events with concurrent low platelet counts
  - MHRA and JCVI announcement regarding AstraZeneca Vaccine and next steps
  - COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and thromboembolic events with concurrent low platelets – revisions to product information
  - Update on National incident in response to reports of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following vaccination with the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine

All alerts received were disseminated to the organisation within 48hrs of receipt as required by the policy and procedure and all are sent separately direct to key recipients by Welsh Government.

Table 1. Alerts received

<b>Type of Alert</b>	<b>Number received</b>	<b>Number requiring action (Covid 19)</b>	<b>Number requiring action (other)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Pharmaceutical Alert	8	0	0	
Medical Device Alert	0			
Patient Safety Notice/Alert	4	0	1	
Medicine Shortages	8	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	0			
High Voltage Alert	9	0	1	
Public Health Alert	9	4	2	

### **3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Not applicable as no decision is required.

### **4. Recommendation**

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