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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Quarter 2 Alerts Report</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">(1 July 2022-30 Sept 2022)</h3>				
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Approval/Scrutiny route:				
Purpose				
This exception report provides an update on the management of alerts received by Public Health Wales				
Recommendation:				
APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	ASSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive assurance that an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts / safety notices received 				

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**

Strategic Priority	Choose an item.
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Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
Risk and Assurance	Public Health Wales is required to implement and maintain systems to manage and disseminate safety alerts, important public health messages and other safety critical information to ensure appropriate actions are taken.
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Theme 2 - Safe Care Theme 3 - Effective Care Theme 5 - Timely Care
Financial implications	None
People implications	None

1. Purpose / situation

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

2. Background

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

3. Description/Assessment

A total of **45** alerts were received by Public Health Wales during the reporting period 1 July – 20 September 2022, 1 of which required action to be taken.

This alert was a Public Health Alert and was acted upon as required by the Policy.

The Alert was as followed and required action:

This advice is to support Health and Social Care system partners to plan and prepare for hot weather scenarios to prevent or reduce risks to health, as well as to enable a rapid and effective response when needed.

Whilst this alert was assessed as not being applicable in terms of treating patients, it was assessed as being appropriate to disseminate to Screening and Health Protection services as it was relevant to their Service Users

All alerts received were disseminated to the organisation within 48 hours of receipt as required by the policy and procedure.

Table 1. Alerts received

Type of Alert	Number received	Number requiring action (Covid 19)	Number requiring action (other)	Comments
Pharmaceutical Alert	12	0	0	
Medical Device Alert		0	0	
Medical Device(Information)		0	0	
Patient Safety Notice/Alert		0	0	
Medicine Shortages	14	0	0	
Estates and Facilities Alert	0	0	0	
High Voltage Alert	13	0	0	
Public Health Alert	6	0	1	Action Taken – Dissemination to screening & health protection directorate

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

Not applicable as no decision is required.

4. Recommendation

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- Receive **assurance** that an effective management system for distribution, monitoring and record keeping for alerts / safety notices received