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## 13<sup>th</sup> OCT COVID-19 2 SISTERS PLANT

**Date of meeting: 06 July 2020**

**Time of meeting: 10:00-10:30**

**Venue for meeting: Skype meeting**

**Version: 0a DRAFT**

### Present:

	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHW – OCT Chair	
	Lead Health Protection Nurse, PHW	
	Consultant in Public Health, PHW	
	Communications Manager, PHW	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW	
	TTP Representative, PHW	
	Senior Medical Officer, WG	
	Deputy Director Community Safety Division, WG	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey CBC	
	Public Protection Manager, Gwynedd CBC	
	Executive Director of Public Health, BCUHB	
	Health & Safety Executive	
	Incident Officer, Food Standards Agency	
	North Wales Police	
	Head of Regulatory Services, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Primary Care Representative, BCUHB	
	Taking minutes	

**Apologies:**

No formal apologies received.
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<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <p>■■■ welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted as above.</p> <p>This meeting was agreed on Friday as a brief catch up to pick up any issues raised over the weekend in relation to the site re-opening on Friday and also for the OCT to agree the communications lines for today's statement.</p> <p>Whilst there was no agenda issued these notes capture main discussion points under the headings below.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Action log update</b></p> <p>Action 100 – the communications lines will be signed off today (action closed).</p> <p>Action 101 – ■■■ has requested an update on the "off-site" plan from 2 Sisters and will follow up again this afternoon.</p> <p>Refer to the updated action log for wider comments and additional actions agreed at today's meeting.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Epidemiological summary of cases</b></p> <p>Although not discussed at today's meeting, ■■■ agreed to circulate the figures when available (this afternoon).</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Review of Communications Lines (■■■)</b></p> <p>OCT confirmed sight of the lines that ■■■ had circulated on Friday afternoon; no comments were received over the weekend.</p> <p>■■■ noted that FSA Communications colleagues were also sighted. The proposed statement follows the general FSA line on food hygiene; reinforcing that there are no links between COVID19 transmission and food packaging/food consumption.</p> <p>There is a shift in focus from reporting numbers to a more positive message, including the site recommencing operations, workers returning, the positive position following control measures being put in place and a more reassuring message to the community as the workforce return.</p> <p>These lines will be included in the PHW 14:00 daily statement (today), if all agree. Partner agencies are also encouraged to share these lines through their own processes.</p>	

■■■ noted a query: a suspected “typo” in the first occurrence of “care home testing” - after checking, ■■■ and ■■■ confirmed this should read, “home testing”. ■■■ will amend prior to publication.

The OCT agreed that any staff presenting for testing should be tested in whatever way is preferable to them (home test kits or via the CTU). ■■■ noted a number had opted to use the home test kits already.

■■■ confirmed that any additional comments would need to be received by the close of this meeting, for agreement by the Incident Director at 10:30. Otherwise, these lines will be taken as approved by this OCT.

## **5. Additional Discussion Points**

### **Follow up from concern raised Friday 03/07/2020**

■■■ provided an update following the concern raised by a member of the public on Friday around staff not distancing on site. This was picked up with the Head of Safety at 2 Sisters; CCTV footage confirmed that two contractors were not adhering to social distancing measures whilst on site and constitutes as a breach. The individuals were on site as staff were returning to work. 2 Sisters have followed this up formally and assured ■■■ that if any further breaches take place the company will be withdrawn from their list of approved contractors.

■■■ will follow this up during the site visit on Wednesday, as there is no clarity yet on what work they were actually doing (which may implicate some necessity for working within 2m of each other).

■■■ highlighted that as well as the legal implication consideration also needs to be given to how this is presented, as this directly conflicts with the media messages. It is felt by OCT that the introduction of onsite Marshalls will significantly address issues like this and will allow management to enforce the measures further. OCT recognise the increased public and political scrutiny in relation to this outbreak and the potential implications of such reports as above.

■■■ agreed to share the targeted social media assets/“easy share” materials which are still applicable and available in community languages, with partner agencies. Additional

caveat: these materials still refer to the "2 Sisters Outbreak", which OCT agreed is appropriate, as the outbreak has not been formally closed. **Action: [REDACTED] to circulate the materials to partner agencies.**

### Outbreak exit strategy

Following discussion on Friday around the technical closure of the outbreak, which would not yet be for another four weeks, [REDACTED] proposed the following approach for the week ahead:

- HSE inspection is happening Wednesday (1 week after re-commencing of on-site operation)
- Next OCT meeting is scheduled for Thursday
- If no significant concerns are raised then OCT to move to a position of less scrutiny, message to be amended that the outbreak is no longer being managed pro-actively

OCT were in general agreement with this approach, with the following being noted:

- When the outbreak closes, clarity on the data and scrutiny of the process will be helpful to inform any future outbreaks
- Challenges experienced with pulling data out of the TTP system are improving, as NWIS work with Microsoft to alongside capturing data from LIMS and Tarian
- Using four labs in N wales (2x Lighthouse Labs, Glan Clwyd and UHW)
- CDSC are now receiving a direct feed from the CRM system, which is being used for some routine surveillance

If a decision is made on Thursday to "idle" OCT arrangements, there needs to be a clear message that arrangements going forward will be overseen by the SCG as part of normal processes. Further discussion on communicating these messages will be picked up on Thursday.

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### AOB

[REDACTED] noted there are questions being asked locally in relation to the workforce who have not presented for testing. OCT agreed to add a line into today's statement Clarifying 2 Sisters position on workforce not being permitted on-site unless they have been tested. **Action: [REDACTED] to add this line into the statement following closure of this meeting.**

	■■■ agreed to forward an updated list from 2 Sisters of those staff who may still present for testing at CTU. <b>Action: ■■■ to forward to ■■■ and ■■■.</b>	■■■
<b>7.</b>	<b>Next meeting</b> Thursday 13 July 2020 13:30-14:30	

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