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## **2<sup>nd</sup> OCT- COVID- 19**

### **2 SISTERS PLANT**

**Date of meeting: 18 June 2020**

**Time of meeting: 13:00-14:00**

**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	
	Programme Manager, PHW	
	Clinical Scientist Lead for Zoonoses, GI & Emerging Infections, PHW	
	Senior Communications Manager, PHW	
	Consultant in Public Health Wales, Representing - Regional Cell and Director of Public Health	
	Deputy Director of Public Health Services	
	National Response Team, PHW	
	Senior Bio Medical Scientist, Microbiology, PHW	
	Principal Environmental Health Officer, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey County Borough Council	

	Environmental Health Manager, Anglesey County Borough Council	
	Health and Safety Executive	
	Food Safety Officer, Gwynedd County Borough Council	
	Public Protection Manager, Gwynedd County Borough Council	
	Food Standards Agency	
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	Communications, Food Standards Agency	
	Communications Food Standard Agency	
	Taking minutes	

### Apologies:

	Consultant in Health Protection, PHW	
	Winter Pressures Nurse, Public Health Wales	
	Executive Director of Public Health Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	
	Health and Safety Executive	

1.	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b> ■ welcomed everyone to the meeting introductions were made and apologies noted as above.	
2.	<b>Minutes from previous meeting and action log</b> Minutes from the previous meeting (17/06/20) will be circulated to the group and invited comments to be received off line.  <b>Action log:</b> See separate action log for the actions updates. The following actions have now been completed: 01/20 Remove action as standing action. 04/20 Complete- Information of staff and which line they work on has been shared.	

	<p>05/20 Remove action- All cases linked to factory are being flagged with cluster flag and note added linked to 2 Sister by Regional cells.</p> <p>09/20 Pick up under agenda under testing.</p> <p>10/20 Complete- Email for PHW communication has been shared.</p> <p>11/20- Covered under agenda</p> <p>12/20 Covered under agenda</p> <p>13/20- Complete- FSA have been invited to future meetings.</p> <p>14/20 Remove- this is standing action under constant review.</p> <p>15/20- Complete- ■ has informed Welsh Government and other partners.</p> <p>21/20 Complete- Additional of script questions have been shared with ■.</p> <p>23/20 Complete- 2 Sister have temporarily closed and workforce are self- isolating for 14 days.</p> <p>25/20 Complete- Covered on agenda under item 4.</p> <p>26/20 Complete- Covered under agenda under item 4.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Background and context</b></p> <p>The group were informed that following yesterday meeting ■ met with Food Standards Agency, Health and Safety Executive and Senior Management at 2 Sisters to discuss findings. Discussion held around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements made to hardware at site- which include face shields.</li> <li>• The introducing of marshals at the site to ensure rules of social distance are being complied with.</li> <li>• Testing being provided by a private company</li> </ul> <p>After discussions of the point above, it was agreed that PHW would have overall management of the testing and the company would not provide this privately.</p> <p>The site would start a wind down process before the workforce sent home.</p> <p>The group were informed that later on the evening the discussion was made by the Chief Executive of 2 Sister plant to close over-night.</p>	

**4. Epidemiology summary of cases**

The group were informed of a further [REDACTED] additional cases total the total number of case to 58. The group were informed there was a back log of cases from Anglesey to be check.

It was agreed that extra support will be provided to Anglesey Trace, trace and protect team to work through this backlog.

[REDACTED] advised the group after attending a Government TTP meeting, confirmed that this extra support is available. [REDACTED] expressed his thanks to colleague for the support shown.

It was mentioned to the group, for the purpose of the epidemiology findings there is a need to identify those linked to the site and plot and secondary or turshury cases with a case to give an understanding of transmission and how this will impact across North wales as a whole.

**a) Testing**

Separate task and finish group to agree testing plan.

The testing process has not gone ahead as planned due to the closure of the plant. Work to commence to review staff list.

Action: Review staff list and agree testing plan

The group were informed of the three testing sites available:

Ty Coch testing unit, Bangor

Mobile site at Llangefni running in car park adjacent to 2 Sisters 1-5pm 18/06/20 and 9-5pm 19/06/20.

Two mobile units on route to Holyhead, location to be confirmed.

[REDACTED] requested confirmation of number being tested.

[REDACTED] confirm with the group that the workforce list was send prior to the meeting and this is being worked through.

Action: [REDACTED] to confirm number to be tested with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

	<p>The group were informed that the company are working with Public Health Wales to ensure the workforce are tested over the next few days. The regional cell are looking at the workforce details to identify which testing station to attend.</p> <p>Action: [REDACTED] to stay in close contact with the laboratory to confirm number to tests taken.</p> <p><b>Action: [REDACTED] to share list of workforce with laboratory once complete.</b></p> <p>There is a total of 550 staff identified, the message was reiterated that there is not a requirement to retest a positive case.</p> <p>The group were asked if any mop up of testing will be provided. It was reported to the group that is anyone is identified as not being tested, information will be sent on were to obtain a test from.</p> <p>It was reported to the group that as we are considering anyone who has been at the side a contact of COVID-19, there is a requirement is identify and subcontractors and visitors to the suit as they too will need to be tested.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>All of the workforce should be self-isolating for 14 days regardless of their results.</p> <p>Discussion were held around the workforce at the Sandycroft plant and if they were included on the list for testing. The group were informed at his stage they had not been identified as being on the list but this is still in the process of being working through.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Outbreak</b> Discussed under item 4	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Review of control measures</b> The group were informed that a small team will remain on site until the restarting of the plant to deal with process of temporarily shutting down which consist of security and maintenance staff.	

	<p>On the return of the workforce this small group of staff will then self- isolate for 14 days to prevent any cross over.</p> <p>The group were all in general agreements there are no further additional control measures identified at this time.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p><b>Staff Communications:</b> The group were informed that Health Protection team are in the process of producing a bilingual letter which will be available later on day. This will be sent to the workforce highlighting that a negative result does not release them from isolation and if become ill to obtain a further test and to self-isolate for 14 days along with any household contacts. This letter will be shared with the company to distribute.</p> <p><b>Action: Identify if letter needs to be translated into any other language other than Welsh or English.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Shared letter with colleagues at Local authority once complete.</b></p> <p><b>PHW Communications:</b> An updated version of the proactive press statement to reflect the testing proposals will be circulated to the group for comment.</p> <p><b>Action: Update proactive statement and share with OCT and partners for comment.</b></p> <p>The group were informed of what is happening in relation to the National response from Welsh Government.</p> <p>A reactive statement will be re –issues and the updates statement to be realised today. Any comments to be received by 3pm.</p> <p><b>Action: Provide comments on reactive statement by 3pm.</b></p>	<p><b>HPT</b></p> <p><b>HPT</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

	<p>It was reported to the group that Anglesey Local Authorities communication team have prepared their own statement which will be released after Public Health Wales statement.</p> <p>It was mentioned to the group that interview request from the media are to be expected. ■■■ to pick up with the communications team outside of this meeting.</p> <p>Food Standards Agency have prepared a reactive statement and confirmed BBC Wales have been in contact.</p> <p><b>Action: CJ to speak to communications ahead of any media interest.</b></p> <p>It was reported to the group that as a multi-national company, 2 Sisters Plant have to inform senior management when they are likely to be mentioned in the press.</p> <p><b>Action: Forward all press statement to management at company for sighting.</b></p>	<p>■■■</p> <p>HPT</p>
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>It was mentioned to the group at the company have confirmed that they have no social media channels in place for communications.</p> <p>■■■ asked how the tests will be transported to the laboratory.</p> <p><b>Action: Confirm how tests will be transported to the laboratory.</b></p>	<p>■■■</p>
9.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>19 June 2020 13:30</p>	

**Actions:****See separate action log**