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Wales Framework for Managing Major Infectious Disease Emergencies

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Framework sets out generic arrangements for the management of major infectious disease emergencies by health services in Wales and should be considered within the context of the principles set out in:

- NHS Wales Emergency Planning Guidance
- Cabinet Office statutory guidance *Emergency Preparedness*
- Cabinet Office non-statutory guidance *Emergency Response and Recovery*
- The Pan-Wales Response Plan

1.2 The Framework is supported by the following guidance documents that must be used to inform planning for specific diseases or aspects of the response:

- The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/protection/communicabledisease/publications/outbreakplan/?lang=en&ts=4>
- The UK National Framework for responding to an influenza pandemic
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_130903
- Guidelines for Smallpox Response & Management in the Post-Eradication Era
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4070830
- Wales Health and Social Care Influenza Pandemic Preparedness & Response Guidance
<http://extranet.wales.nhs.uk/howis/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=331&pid=53492>
- NHS Wales Guidance Mass Casualties Incidents – A Framework for Planning
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=331&pid=25292>

1.3 The Framework reflects the role of the Welsh Government's Department of Health and Social Services in managing major infectious disease outbreaks in Wales and the role of the Department of Health (DH) as lead central government department for infectious diseases.

1.4 The Framework has been developed in consultation with Health Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales and with other partners through the Wales Resilience Partnership Team. It will be updated as necessary to take account of lessons learned from infectious disease outbreaks and exercises.

2. AIM OF THE FRAMEWORK

2.1 The aim is to provide generic guidance for the co-ordination and management of major infectious disease emergencies in Wales and a framework within which detailed operational planning for specific diseases can be undertaken.

3. SCOPE OF THE FRAMEWORK