

WALES PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS December 2018

	Done	To do	Timelines/Notes
Policy / Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK Influenza Pandemic Strategy 2011 and UK Pandemic Influenza Communications Strategy 2012 agreed by UK Health Ministers. Wales Health and Social Care Influenza Pandemic Preparedness & Response Guidance issued in 2014 LRF Pandemic Influenza Guidance issued LRF Pan Flu Plans in place supported by a Plan Checklist and assessments undertaken with LRF Pan Flu Group Chairs All 4 LRFs have plans for excess deaths that take account of pandemic flu – issues identified Welsh Government officials engaged in the current UK Review of pandemic preparedness The UK Pan Flu Communications Plan has been reviewed and 2018 version drafted with WG Communications engaged in the work WG policy officials and legal representation are involved in the work with the UK Pan Flu Review Groups and development of the Pan Flu Bill. Work is progressing to develop additional NHS and social care guidance in relation to the impacts of responding to a severe surge in demand on these services. A Wales Pan Flu Review Group has met a number of times and includes the 4 LRF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue participation in UK Review - A final draft of the UK Pan Flu Communications Plan to be agreed A Wales Comms Implementation Procedure to be developed Continue to keep Ministers informed of progress with the Review Engage in the review of the 2011 UK Pandemic Flu Strategy Seek Ministerial agreement to changes in pan flu policy eg Pan Flu Bill and revised UK Strategy Develop guidance to strengthen plans for severe surge in health and social care Amend current Wales Health and Social care Guidance Consider the need for additional operational guidance to support a surge in Health and Social care Seek and support update of CCS LRF Guidance to strengthen multi-agency support to surge in health and social care Engage in development of further 	

	<p>Pandemic Flu Group Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Wales Group is in place to consider and address the outcomes of the UK Review as it impacts on Wales pandemic flu arrangements 	<p>national guidance to strengthen excess deaths planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in and consider the outcomes of the UK pan flu moral and ethical group's, including options for prioritising services • Arrange workshop with Wales LRF partners to discuss changes in planning assumptions and identify areas where further planning is needed –eg surge in healthcare • Review LRF and Wales NHS Pan Flu plans following the issue of any revised UK Pan Flu Strategy and National Guidance 	
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG policy to support the defence in depth UK strategy and a range of national countermeasures are in place • We have a secure Wales storage facility for health countermeasures and deployment plans • Personal Protective Equipment stockpile to support protection of health and social care workers has been established • Wales MOUs and SLAs are in place for storage and distribution of pan flu health countermeasures • WG officials are engaged in UK Groups and scientific groups reviewing pandemic countermeasures and planning assumptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in any review of pandemic health countermeasures following the UK review • Continued maintenance of pan flu countermeasures is necessary in order they are in a state of readiness to be distributed • MOU to be reviewed annually • Continued engagement in NERVTAG 	

	(NERVTAG and SPI)		
Validation / Training & Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG Ministers and Officials have taken part in UK tier 1 pandemic Exercises, including Exercise Cygnus 2016 • H&SSG have focussed on pan flu preparedness in previous workshops and Health Prepared Wales Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is intended that Pan flu will be the theme for Health Prepared Wales 2019 event • Engage in 2018 UK testing of the National Pandemic Flu Service 	
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan flu is an agenda item on quarterly Wales NHS Emergency Planning meetings • H&SSG (HEPA) has met with LRF Pan Flu Chairs to discuss and provide feedback on their LRF plans • There is a WG led Pandemic Flu Readiness Group to maintain pan flu readiness and address any outcomes of the UK Review • H&SSG officials are engaged and co-ordinate involvement in a variety of UK/WG/local groups that have pan flu within their remit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of LRF pan flu checklist to take account of any change in LRF Pan Flu Guidance • Discussion with LRF's on outcomes of UK Review and implications for LRF Plans • Subsequent checking of LRF and NHS plans to ensure they address any new outcomes of the review • Health Emergency Planning Unit to continue to engage and co-ordinate involvement in a variety of groups 	