

**NHS WALES CHIEF EXECUTIVES MANAGEMENT TEAM  
and WELSH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
**12-1pm 10 June 2020**  
Via skype

**Notes - Draft**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>BAME</b>	A report on institutional racism at National Blood and Transplant Service, London has been published. In tomorrow's press conference AG is wanting to ensure staff from BAME background feel supported.
<b>Hospital patients</b>	<p>Confirmed, suspected and recovering patients are recorded in Wales (not in England). This has been 1,000 over the last week but now down to 897 in the last 24 hours. Critical care is now 40 across Wales lowest since the third week March. R rate band 0.5 -0.8. CTM infection rate going up and transmission is happening in the Rhondda communities. There may also be an absence of social distancing in the workplace.</p> <p>CRM gone live and later this week there is the follow up automation. Excellent collaborative digital working across health and local authorities</p> <p>Occupancy levels are at 1,500 beds which equates to 85% occupancy. The closer to 85% give more flexibility of use available. Infection control and prevention regarding environmental rules are important, however, key principle is caring for patients. Guidance around bed spacing is 3.7m – perhaps it would be helpful to review the positioning of furniture. Different choices can be made in various settings as it's not always based on social distancing and there are other mitigating factors allowing services to be delivered.</p>
<b>Face coverings</b>	<p>Main change in WHO guidance is to encourage use of medical masks for those over 60years which is a broad recommendation. England has mandated mask usage before the policy developed. Non patient, nonclinical areas do not need medical masks. Where patients/visitors coming into hospital it is reasonable to provide a medical mask to those who are vulnerable. Advice and guidance still developing and the technical cell advisory notes were published yesterday. Definition of vulnerable to be considered – maybe use the vulnerable category for flu vaccination (Welsh version of vulnerable). Other hygiene regimes are far more important than the use of face masks. Advice could allow the public to make the decision to wear a mask or not. The effect of using medical masks on supply/demand is being assessed. There are enough available within supply chain at the moment, however, demand will increase due to England's guidance. It has been shown that when wearing face mask members of the public feel safer. Also there is considerable waste generated by masks and PPE. This about balancing science, public behaviours and expectation. Public behaviour across the world does not demonstrate the WHO guidance on face masks.</p>
	There is a Ministerial meeting with Chairs and CEs on 18 June although Covid focussed will include strategy, finance and broader matters on the agenda. The draft agenda is to be provided to Chief Executives.