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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Safety Committee on Fire Door compliance position.		
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fire risk assessment compliance ○ Fire risk assessment actions ○ Fire door inspections/audits 		
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	Members are asked to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the report 		

FIRE & RESCUE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Safety Committee on the current position of fire door compliance and the actions in place to address and actions identified.

2. BACKGROUND

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the WHTM 05 suite of guidance outline the requirements of having fire safety management systems in place to actively manage fire risk and the appropriate controls in place to maintain safe premises for staff, patients, visitors, contracts and others using Heath Board facilities.

Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and in particular:

2.1 Article 9 Risk Assessment

- The fire risk assessment must be reviewed at regular intervals, at least annually, so as to keep it up to date and evidence of the review maintained.

2.2 Article 13 Fire Fighting and Fire Detection

- The fire detection system must be adequate for the type and use of the premises

2.3.1 Article 14 Emergency routes and exits

- The provisions in respect of fire resisting doors in appropriate areas within the building and to the appropriate standard
- Door sets should conform to BS 476 Pt 31. Compliance with this or an equivalent standard will normally satisfy the requirement,

The Health Board undertake fire risk assessments for the various sites under its responsibility, these are either annual, two yearly or in some cases three yearly and will depend on the building and the services provided. The majority fire risk assessments are carried out annually as they are sleeping risk environments.

Due to current and historical resource issues covering health & safety department that also covers fire, there are a high percentage of overdue risk assessment and this is being addressed to bring back in line. There is also a challenge within the estates team be able to action the actions identified within the fire risk assessments due to resource implications.

In addition to the fire risk assessments the estates team undertake planned preventative maintenance (PPM) on fire doors, these are completed every six months, with works then put on to planet (estates works software) to be completed. Doors that require full replacement are identified and captured in the discretionary capital programme. Currently there are a number of doors sets that require replacement.

3. Strategy for Fire (Fire Doors)

The Health Board have invested in temporary resources to address the overdue fire risk assessments and progression has been positive over the month of March, with action plan in place to complete by end of July 2021.

Review all actions currently recorded on the National Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)-Specialist Estates Service (SES) Fire Auditing and Reporting System to confirm actions completed and actions outstanding.

Review all fire door six monthly check reports to identify works required and prioritise, this will be monitored through the health & safety fire safety group.

Apply to Welsh Government's targeted funding programme of investment intended to assist NHS organisations, one particular area being fire. An application for over £500,000 has been submitted for fire door replacement.

Discretionary capital programme to include fire door works/replacement in addition to any capital received from Welsh Governments targeted funding programme.

All fire risk assessment and fire door inspection actions will be reviewed by the Health & Safety Fire Safety Group, with reports going to the Health & Safety Operational Group and then to the Health & Safety Committee to monitor compliance and provide assurance.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications for additional resources in the health & safety team and also estates, plus the cost of works to the doors or where required replacement of fire doors and fire sets. This will be an ongoing requirement to achieve and maintain compliance.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

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Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives <i>(please choose)</i>	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
<i>(please choose)</i>	Staying Healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
The provision of safe and secure environments for staff, patients and others is essential to provide safe patient care. Having effective fire management systems in place is key to identifying and non-compliances and ensuring environments and/or equipment is maintained for safe working environments.		
Financial Implications		
There are no identified financial implications identified as part of this notice.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy work place and to provide suitable resources, information, training and supervision on health and safety to all members of staff, patients Contractors and visitors to comply with the legislative and regulatory framework on health and safety which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 • The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 • Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 • WHTM 05 – 01/02/03 		
Staffing Implications		
Staff will be briefed on the developments through health and safety meetings/forums or other groups as determined necessary ensure that health and safety, including fore safety is discussed, monitored and acted upon.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
The Act requires the Health Board to think more about the long term, how we work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined up approach with partners. There will be long term risks that will affect both the delivery of services, therefore, it is important that you use these five ways of working (Long Term Thinking, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration and Involvement) and the wellbeing goals identified in the Act in order to frame what risks		

the Health Board may be subject to in the short, medium and long term. This will enable The Health Board to take the necessary steps to ensure risks are well managed now and in the future.

Report History	
Appendices	