

## Swansea Bay UHB Incident Management Team: Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendations (SBAR)

**TITLE:** Swansea Bay UHB Regional IMT SBAR

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Synopsis: **there is a continuing increase in case incidence and positivity rates across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. Local restrictions are not yet impacting on the underlying rate of increase in cases. No specific additional measures were proposed today. Additional intelligence on the situation locally and comparisons with the trajectories of other health protection areas are being sought. Investigations are ongoing into a number of clusters.**

### Situation:

The IMT reports that:

1. There is a continuing increase in case incidence and positivity rates across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. Local restrictions are not yet impacting on the underlying rate of increase in cases.
2. There is no evidence currently of transmission in schools. There is evidence of cases and some small clusters within the University student population. There is a low level of cases in early years education settings which is having an impact on operations due to self-isolation requirements applying to the whole setting.
3. Currently there is confidence in the control measures within the residential care sector but these are under active review.
4. There is a number of clusters within large employers which are under active management including at TATA steel and DVLA. Lack of observance of control measures within the workplace (principally social distancing) appears to be contributory to risk but evidence of transmission within workplaces is not currently widespread within the Region.
5. There is one cluster in secondary care under active investigation.
6. There is a slowly rising number of admissions to hospital

### Case incidence, positivity rates and case numbers for City and County of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot County Borough areas [source CDSC, PHW]

	Swansea	NPT	Swansea	NPT	Swansea	NPT
	Cases per 100K per week		Positivity Rate		Case Numbers	
21/09	40.1	15.4	3.3%	1.3%	37	<5

23/09	50.6	18.1	4.0%	1.6%	41	8
24/09	63.6	29.3	4.7%	2.4%	28	19
25/09	82.2	34.2	5.8%	2.8%	58	<5
26/09	93.1	37.0	6.2%	2.9%	36	8
27/09	97.6	41.2	6.3%	3.2%	26	9
28/09	98.8	48.8	6.1%	3.7%	28	15
29/09	100.0	53.0	6.1%	3.9%	27	12
30/09	94.3	54.4	5.8%	4.1%	25	12
01/10	96.4	54.4	6.1%	4.3%	51	15
02/10	92.3	59.3	6.3%	4.7%	55	22
03/10	97.2	65.6	7.2%	5.4%	30	9
04/10	107.7	80.2	8.1%	6.6%	59	36
05/10	111.7	81.6	8.1%	6.7%	33	14
06/10	130.8	91.4	9.0%	7.0%	76	29

The local response  
to date – **use of PINs / PCNs, enforcement, public messages, testing, etc.]**

## **Background:**

We are seeing an acceleration in the rate of increase in cases with Swansea growing more rapidly than Neath Port Talbot.

We are seeing a generalised increase in sporadic cases with a small number of clusters. On further investigation most of these clusters are not suggestive of ongoing transmission associated with specific sites or locations.

A small number of workplaces has been associated with onward transmission within the workplace. Of these there is evidence of workplace transmission at the Aberpergwm Colliery and evidence suggestive of limited workplace transmission at TATA steel and DVLA. There has been ongoing support to site management at TATA steel and a review of control measures jointly with HSE. Feedback to site management will take place this week. Additional testing is being undertaken in one department at DVLA where there is currently a small cluster but concern over mitigation measures in place.

However, while there is evidence of non-compliance with social distancing requirements in a number of workplaces, the principal source of cases 'in the workplace' remains community transmission. There remains concern that socialising by colleagues may contribute to some observed cases in workplaces.

There has been no sustained reduction in COVID related calls for service to South Wales Police since the introduction of local restrictions. The local approach is one of low tolerance - single strike. For registered students there is a referral process to the University and use of disciplinary process. There is multi-agency monitoring and compliance checks for the licensed trade and commercial sector in both local authority areas.

Hospital admissions are increasing but at a low rate. A significant proportion of those admitted already have a diagnosis of COVID-19 prior to admission and this



**Assessment:**

On current trajectories it is likely that cases and clusters will continue to increase with the current control measures in place.

We are unsighted on trajectories for other Health Protection Areas after imposition of local restrictions and so unable to gauge whether this is usual for this period.

There is a moderate impact on the local community as a consequence of the imposition of health protection area status on each local authority.

The impact of cases and clusters, however, is variable across the region (as might be expected) with one business required to close and disruption to a large number of other settings (including education settings) and businesses as a consequence of sporadic cases.

Apart from continued focus on compliance in workplaces and in commercial premises and on communications on adherence to BSIs there is little further Regional action available.

There is a lack of capacity regionally to deliver timely surveillance to guide action. Additional support from CDSC,PHW has been sought through the local Consultant in Health Protection.

There is a lack of capacity in specialist health protection and communicable disease control capability. This workforce is under strain at present.

The Regional IMT will continue to meet three times a week to balance the considerable operational response demands on IMT members with the ability to maintain situational awareness in line with the periodicity of changes in case rates and numbers.

<b>RAG status currently</b>	<b>RAG status with further increases</b>
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**Recommendations and Interventions:**

No additional recommendations for control measures at Local Authority level or requiring Welsh Government support at this stage.

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