

WALES SCREENING COMMITTEE
19 July 2021
10:00 – 12:00
AGENDA

No.	Item	Owner
1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	Chair
2	Minutes, Actions and matters arising from meeting held on 18 March 2021	Chair
3	Update on the impact of screening programmes and recovery planning	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
4	Maternal and Child Screening Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of NIPT as contingent test in twins • Update on SCID and BCG 	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
5	Cervical Screening Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended Screening Intervals • Key information system changes • Scottish incident around incorrectly ceased women • Self-sampling 	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
6	Bowel Screening Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimisation • Colonoscopy Timeliness 	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
7	MRI Surveillance for women at very high risk of breast cancer	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
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Dates of Future Meetings

2021 UK National Screening Committee

4 November

2021 Wales Screening Committee

8 November

Wales Screening Committee Meeting (WSC)
19 July 2021
10:00 – 12:00
Via Skype

Members in attendance

<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer (Chair)
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 3
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> Public Member 2
<redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 5
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 6
<redacted s40(2)> CHC Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> BCUHB Officer 1

1 Welcome, apologies and introductions

Apologies were noted from <redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> CTMUHB Officer 4, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 9, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 10, <redacted s40(2)> Public Member 1, <redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 2, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 3, <redacted s40(2)> SBUHB Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> PTUHB Officer 1 and <redacted s40(2)> HDUHB Officer 2.

2 Actions from meeting held on 18 March 2021

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. All actions were noted as completed, in progress or to be discussed on the agenda.

3 Update on the impact on screening programmes and recovery planning

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 presented slides on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on screening programmes. PHW is aiming to recover all of the paused screening programmes. It is expected that BTW will take four years to fully recover, however, BSW and CSW are expected to recover by January 2022. Venues are still an issue for DESW which CHCs, LAs and DsPH are helping to resolve. PHW are also exploring options with optometry leads. There are also currently long waits for hospital eye services for referrals.

Restrictions are making it difficult to recover cancer services. Colonoscopy is a high risk clinical service and there is currently variation in waiting times across health boards. Health boards had submitted annual plans to the Endoscopy Programme

Board and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer had written to Medical Directors. Plans are needed to get back to pre-pandemic levels and additional referrals are needed to reduce pressure and risk.

Action 1: <redacted s40(2)> CHC Officer 2 to discuss referral waits for bowel cancer services with <redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 6.

4 Maternal and child screening update

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 updated the committee that since 7 June the offer of NIPT as a contingent test following a higher chance result for Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome has been extended to twin pregnancies. This will reduce the number of women being offered invasive procedures, which have a small risk of miscarriage. <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 thanked the health boards and genomics lab for their work.

PHW were working with vaccination colleagues on a SCID pilot taking place in England. Preparations were being made to ensure that the BCG vaccine pathway was safe for babies moving from England to Wales.

5 Cervical screening update

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 updated the Committee on the change to cervical screening intervals for HPV negative women which would be implemented from early 2022. This change would apply to women called for screening from this point and not applied retrospectively. Non-responders would still be called in three years. Progress on CSIMS has been good. The new IT system, CANISC, would replace NHAIS for NHS Wales during October 2021 so PHW needs to complete the CSIMS implementation ahead of this. The interaction between CANISC and the colposcopy system needed to be considered. The Committee agreed that the approach to the interval change was both pragmatic and safe. Due to capacity issues within the programme, involvement in the self-testing pilot in England will be delayed. PHW will keep WSC informed regarding potential timescales.

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 updated the Committee on a Scottish incident on incorrectly excluded women from cervical screening who had a sub-total hysterectomy. Scottish colleagues have shared the information on the incident with the cervical screening programme in Wales. There were no women living in Wales who had moved from Scotland and had been affected by this issue. CSW has discussed this issue noting that the process is different to that described being undertaken by the Scottish programme. The programme is not aware of any cases from our Cervical Screening Cancer Audit, which reviews all cases of cervical cancer occurring in Wales, where a woman has developed a cancer because she was ceased inappropriately due to this issue. An audit will be undertaken to review this as part of ongoing failsafe work, after the implementation of CSIMS.

6 Bowel screening update

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 updated the Committee that the funding for the bowel screening programme optimisation for this year had been confirmed with health boards. The programme should be sufficiently recovered by September 2021 to start optimising. The Committee agreed that optimisation was a priority and fully supported the new proposed timescale.

Action 2: <redacted s40(2)> Public Member 2 to discuss age range for bowel screening with <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2.

7 MRI Surveillance for women at very high risk of breast cancer

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 provided an update on MRI surveillance for information. NICE guidance on MRI surveillance was not consistently applied across Wales. The Committee was asked to note the workstream, recognising this is not a screening programme but an example of cross organisational working to support sustainable and equitable service provision for women identified at very high risk in Wales. <redacted s40(2)> CHC Officer 2 asked PHW to consider whether this needed to be submitted via the CHC Service Change process.

8 AOB

<redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 1 asked the Committee to consider the issue of genetic sequencing in light of the likely new remit of the UKNSC. There are potentially many conditions that could be considered for more targeted screening.

Action 3: Meeting to be established to discuss genetic sequencing and targeted screening.

The Chair asked the Committee to consider possible Welsh representation for membership on new UKNSC, ARG and FMCH.

9 Date of next meeting

8 November 2021, 11:30-13:30