

WALES SCREENING COMMITTEE
8 November 2021
11:30 – 13:30
AGENDA

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1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	Chair
2	Minutes, Actions and matters arising from meeting held on 19 July 2021	Chair
3	CABStudy	Cardiff University
4	Maternal and Child Screening Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antenatal Detection of CHD • Newborn & Infant Physical Examination Cymru 	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 1 <redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 4
5	Update on the Recovery of the Screening Programmes	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
6	Bowel Screening Optimisation and Colonoscopy Timeliness	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
7	Cervical Screening Update	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
8	Diabetic Eye Screening Wales Update	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4
9	Update on UK NSC	Chair
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11	Dates of Future Meetings: TBA	Chair

**Wales Screening Committee Meeting (WSC)
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Via Skype**

Members in attendance

<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer (Chair)
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 3
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> Public Member 1
<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)> ABUHB Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 7
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 4
<redacted s40(2)> CDFUni Member 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)> BCUHB Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 2, <redacted s40(2)> SBUHB Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> PTUHB Officer 1 and <redacted s40(2)> HDUHB Officer 1.

2 Actions from meeting held on 19 July 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.

Action 1: <redacted s40(2)> Public Member 2 to consider submitting a question on bowel screening in over 74s to the UK NSC

3 CAB Study

<redacted s40(2)> CDFUni Member 1 attended the meeting to present findings and recommendations from the Cardiff University Study into Covid Cancer Attitudes and Behaviours. The study found that 1 in 5 people asked were less likely to attend

screening post-Covid. The Committee discussed options for removing barriers and increasing access via digital bookings to support equitable provision and using community pharmacies to help with health promotion. It was acknowledged that the HPV vaccination may change views of cervical screening for younger women.

4 Maternal and child screening update

Antenatal detection of CHD

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 1 reported that screening timeliness remained good. CHD antenatal detection rates had decreased. ASW is in discussion with partners including cardiac leads in the health boards, fetal medicine colleagues and CARIS to investigate and address this. PHW has changed the criteria and training.

Newborn and Infant Physical Examination Cymru

<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 4 updated the Committee on the development of NIPEC. The Committee agreed that a long term strategy of who manages the programme is needed and agreed external governance is required.

Action 2: <redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 4 to raise at next NIPEC Board Meeting.

5 Update on the recovery of the screening programmes

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 updated the Committee that additional funding had been provided by the Welsh Government to aid the recovery of the screening programmes. CSW would be recovered by December 2021 and samples being received by the lab was high. The programme is liaising with England over being involved in the self-sampling pilot. BSW has largely recovered with people within 6 weeks of invitation. Optimisation was able to start in September. Changes to current infection control would improve capacity within BTW. The programme is currently working to update equipment. AAA capacity remains an issue. PHW is working with partners to get more screening locations.

6 Bowel screening optimisation and colonoscopy timeliness

The Committee noted the update paper provided by PHW.

7 Cervical screening update

The Committee noted the update paper provided by PHW.

8 Diabetic Eye Screening Wales update

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4 updated the Committee on DESW. There was a significant backlog of people waiting to be screened due to less capacity in the programme and an increasing population of people with diabetes. Community optometrists were helping to reduce the backlog by conducting retinol views for those who were at highest risk. Funding had been received from Welsh Government to support recruitment. PHW will be clinically evaluating the work and is committed to review the service delivery model, skill mix, equipment and infrastructure. The Committee supported the innovative, safe process and was content that the information governance was in place to support the recovery of the programme.

9 Update on UK NSC

<redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 1 suggested the Committee discuss the Terms of Reference for the new UKNSC. An agreed approach for targeted and stratified screening is needed and there may need to be national variation.

Action 3: Half day seminar to discuss targeted and stratified screening to be arranged.

10 AOB

No business was raised.

11 Date of next meeting

To be arranged.