

Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010: proposed amendments

Background

There are 3 changes being consulted on in the proposed amendments:

Proposal 1: addition of 7 infectious diseases to schedule 1 - notifiable diseases

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1. Neonatal herpes

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In September 2023, an advice note to the CMO was agreed at the Health Protection Forum which detailed Public Health Wales's advice to Welsh Government about the proposed amendments. The majority of this consultation response is based on the CMO advice note.

Useful links:

[UKGov consultation site: Health Protection \(Notification\) Regulations 2010: proposed amendments](#)

[Impact assessment: Health Protection \(Notification\) Regulations 2010: proposed amendments \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Consultation response from PHW – deadline COP 15/11/2023

1.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree that schedule 1 and schedule 2 of the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations should be updated at this time?

- strongly agree
- agree
- **neither agree nor disagree**
- disagree
- strongly disagree

1.2 Please explain your answer (maximum 250 words).

A core principle required for Public Health Wales to recommend that a disease/condition or causative agent be specifically added to either Schedule 1 or 2 of the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations is: that there is a need to initiate ongoing, long-term surveillance that cannot be implemented through informal means, and, any report made as a consequence is worthy of health protection investigation/action.

Incorporation within the regulations is an inflexible, long term and non-specific requirement. It will apply to all registered medical practitioners or all diagnostic laboratories respectively and they will have to follow a prescribed reporting pathway. Non-compliance with such requirements will become a professional regulation matter or one for consideration of enforcement by local authorities.

Whilst there is likely to be some merit in initiating formal long-term surveillance of some of the proposed additions, Public Health Wales do not recommend updating the regulations with all of the proposed additions to Schedules 1 and 2.

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2.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to add at least one of the 7 diseases listed to schedule 1?

- strongly agree
- agree
- **neither agree nor disagree**
- disagree
- strongly disagree

2.2 [Redacted]

2.3 [Redacted]

Public Health Wales notes that the benefit of adding neonatal herpes to Schedule 1 is unclear.

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