

# CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

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**REPORT AUTHOR:** Environmental Health - Commercial Manager

**SUBJECT:** Updated Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision of Portfolio Holder for Highways

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 The model document, 'Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales' is used as guidance by all stakeholders, including Welsh local authorities, when dealing with an outbreak of communicable disease. It has been updated recently and consideration now needs to be given to adopting the amended version for use in Powys.

## 2. Background

2.1 The plan, developed by Public Health Wales and endorsed by the Welsh Assembly Government, was originally adopted and approved by Powys County Council in March 2011. It is used when managing all outbreaks of communicable disease across Wales.

2.2 Between October 2011 and April 2012, the Welsh Government's Health Protection Committee's Outbreak and Incident Subgroup met to consider lessons from the 2010 "Heads of the Valleys" Legionnaires disease outbreak and the E. Coli VTEC O157 PT8 2011 outbreak in the UK. Following this work, a number of recommendations were made to amend the Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales, specifically:

- The provision of an evaluation template;
- Inclusion of a Legionella sampling protocol;
- Advice on proactive media engagement.

The updated Plan has since been through informal consultation involving a small number of key stakeholders.

2.3 An amended plan has now been issued by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Wales and the Authority now needs to adopt this updated version for use in all forms of outbreak of communicable disease covered by the plan.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>That the revised 'Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales', published by the CMO for Wales, and</b>	<b>To apply the most up to date and relevant model plan to our communicable disease work.</b>

**appended to this report, be adopted with immediate effect.  
That the revised plan replaces the version adopted previously.**

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**Relevant Local Member(s): N/a**

**Background Papers used to prepare report:**

**CMO (2012)17**

**The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales (Revised document)**