

WALES SCREENING COMMITTEE
16 March 2023
13:30 – 14:30
AGENDA

No.	Item	Owner
1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	Chair
2	Actions and matters arising from the meeting on 14 November 2022	Chair
3	Update on screening recovery following Covid-19 pandemic	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
4	Update on the bowel screening optimisation	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
5	DESW low risk recall pathway	<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
6	Wales Screening Committee Terms of Reference – review	Chair/All
7	Update from UK NSC – 10 March 2023	Chair
8	AOB (notified in advance) Next meeting dates for 2023 UK NSC 15 June 2023 (Cardiff) 10 November 2023 WSC 29 June 2023 16 November 2023	Chair

Wales Screening Committee Meeting (WSC)
16 March 2023
13:30 – 14:30
Via Skype

Members in attendance

<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer (Chair)
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 8
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4
<redacted s40(2)> BSW Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> ASW Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 3
<redacted s40(2)> Public Member 2
<redacted s40(2)> C&VUHB Officer 1
<redacted s40(2)> SBUHB Officer 2
<redacted s40(2)> ABUHB Officer 3
<redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 6
<redacted s40(2)> CTMUHB Officer 3
<redacted s40(2)> BCUHB Officer 1

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions

Apologies were noted from <redacted s40(2)> WG Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 9, <redacted s40(2)> CTMUHB Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> ABUHB Officer 1, <redacted s40(2)> CHC Officer 2 and <redacted s40(2)> HDUHB Officer 3.

2. Minutes and actions from meeting held on 14 November 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. The ToR would be discussed under item 6 for Action 1. For Action 2, the Chair reminded the Committee to provide suggestions for a PPV representative to the Chair or Secretariat.

3. Update on screening recovery and Covid-19

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 2 presented an update on the recovery of BTW, DESW and AAA programmes. BTW uptake is gradually increasing. Risks remain to ten-year mortality which is being managed by ensuring that women's first screens are on time, women with the longest waits are seen first and staff are moved around to where need is greatest. The mobile units have all been replaced with hybrid models but one of the old screening mobiles is being retained in the SE region to increase capacity.

AAA screening is on track to recover by end of March although venue availability remains an issue.

DESW will only be able to recover once the programme has been transformed. Activity has increased but the backlog is not decreasing much as more new participants join the programme (1,000 join per month whilst only 100 leave). The lack of screening venues is creating a geographical variation. The Chair asked PHW to consider whether the availability of venues required escalation and if health boards could assist in making venues available.

4. DESW low risk recall pathway

<redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4 provided an update on how the interval change to two years for low-risk participants was progressing. A governance structure has been established feeding into a programme board. The CHCs were supporting engagement and communications with a 12-week engagement plan starting in March. This lead in time would mean implementing the interval change in June. The Committee agreed that health boards could provide support with the communications.

Action 1: <redacted s40(2)> PHW Officer 4 to share DESW engagement plan

5. Update on the bowel screening optimisation

The Committee was asked to note a paper on the progress made optimising the bowel screening programme. <redacted s40(2)> BSW Officer 1 updated the Committee that a review of the optimisation in men and women aged 58-59 who had taken part in the programme showed that both outcomes and uptake were in line with expectations.

6. Wales Screening Committee ToR Review

The Committee was invited to provide any comments on the ToR to the Secretariat or Chair. The Committee agreed that any decisions by the Committee could be published for transparency.

Action 2: Members to provide any comments to the Secretariat or Chair

7. Update from UK NSC

The Chair invited members to view published minutes of the last meeting of the UK NSC online. The Committee was asked to note that the UK NSC had recommended screening for tyrosinemia type 1 in newborns.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-nsc-meeting-march-2023>

8. AOB

No business was raised.

Date of next meeting - To be arranged.