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HEALTH PROTECTION TEAM OUTBREAK ACTION CARD

Consultant in Public Health Medicine/Nurse Consultant Health Protection

Involvement

If there is a significant outbreak the role of the Consultant in Public Health Medicine (CPHM) or Nurse Consultant Health Protection (NCHP) will be to deal mainly with the community aspects of an outbreak and will assume duties, if required, as outlined in the "[Guidance on the management of communicable disease incidents & outbreaks in the Borders](#)" policy

Actions to include:

- ensure access to daily email update and other related communiqués
- assist the Infection Prevention & Control Team (IPCT) in investigating and escalating outbreak if appropriate
- to attend the Outbreak Control Team [OCT] meetings if appropriate
- to make the OCT chair aware of relevant community or national outbreaks
- be prepared to chair the OCT when appropriate in line with the
- "[Guidance on the management of communicable disease incidents & outbreaks in the Borders](#)" policy
- liaise with Infection Control Manager (ICM), Consultant Microbiologist, Senior Infection Control Nurse (SICN) and Executive Director to ensure that communications with national organisations and Government are delivered, as per Board and National policies
- ensure communication is undertaken, when appropriate, to other Health Service personnel (including General Practitioners) as to the nature and scope of the outbreak including any relevant precautions
- facilitate additional specialist advice when necessary.

Health Protection Nurse Specialist [HPN]/ Community Infection Control Nurse (CICN)

Actions to include:

- ensure access to daily email update and other related communiqués
- if requested by the CPHM/NCHP, assist with the collection of relevant information to assess the extent of the problem
- contact any affected community based area(s) as soon as possible and assess the situation
- maintain communication with CPHM/NCHP, the Microbiologist and IPCT

For Non-NHS Community based areas:

Actions to include:

- advise relevant staff of measures to be taken to contain and control spread of infection
- co-ordinate details of specimens sent for analysis and liaise with laboratories on test results
- liaise with all staff involved in monitoring the outbreak
- attend the OCT meeting as requested by the CPHM/NCHP