

Public Health Link

From the Chief Medical Officer for Wales

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What is this about:	 Full details are set out below.
Why has it been sent:	For your information and to pass on to Colleagues

Issue:

The Cyrus Project - Unsolicited Packages

To follow up the CMO England alert letter that was sent out yesterday.

Should there be any incidents involving Wales NHS organisations, the first point of contact for Wales NHS should be to the Public Health Wales AWARE number 0300 00 300 32. The references in the letter to directly inform Public Health England and NHS England EPRR are not relevant to Wales NHS.

For Wales NHS, the advice, therefore, should read as follows::

- * Handle the package with care, wearing nitrile gloves and quarantine it in a secure leak-proof container.
- Wash your hands, or any part of your body that comes into contact with the package, with water.
- Notify Public Health Wales by contacting their AWARE number 0300 00 300 32
- Contact your local police force via 101 and inform them you are in receipt of a package.
- Media enquiries relating to this should be directed to your local police force.

To: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership to forward to:

All General practitioners - please ensure this message is seen by all practice nurses and non-principals working in your practice and retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'.

All Community Pharmacists

Deputising services

HB Chief Pharmacists

HB Prescribing Advisers

Independent/Private clinics and Hospitals and Hospices throughout Wales

To: Chief Executives of Health Boards

To: Medical Directors of Health Boards

To: Nurse Directors Health Boards

To: Directors of Public Health

To: Hospital Principals and Chief Pharmacists to action as per alert

cc: Public Health Wales

Consultants in Pharmaceutical Public Health

Chief Executives, NHS Trusts

Principal Pharmacist Welsh Quality Control

Principal Pharmacist Continuing Care Services

Principal Pharmacist Welsh Medicines Information Centre

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