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 **WHTM 04-01 The control of Legionella, hygiene, “safe” hot water, cold water and drinking water systems, Addendum: Pseudomonas aeruginosa – advice for augmented care**

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHTM%2004-01%20Addendum.pdf>

In recent years there has been an increase in published evidence relating to outbreaks and incidents in augmented care units related to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

In March 2012, the Department of Health published ‘Water sources and potential *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* contamination of taps and water systems: advice for augmented care units’. This addendum to Welsh Health Technical Memorandum (WHTM) 04-01 builds on and supersedes the March 2012 guidance.

The document is concerned with controlling/minimising the risk of morbidity and mortality due to *P. aeruginosa* associated with water outlets and provides guidance on:

- assessing the risk to patients when water systems become contaminated with *P. aeruginosa* or other opportunistic pathogens;
- remedial actions to take when a water system becomes contaminated with *P. aeruginosa*;
- protocols for sampling, testing and monitoring water for *P. aeruginosa*; and

- forming a Water Safety Group (WSG) and developing water safety plans (WSPs).

The guidance is directed towards healthcare organisations providing patient care in augmented care settings. It is specifically aimed at Estates and Facilities departments and infection prevention and control (IPC) teams.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N H Davies'.

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