# Occupational Health and Wellbeing Support for Staff relating to stress and V&A

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#### Aims of presentation

To answer the 3 questions posed by the Committee:

- What support is available for staff in respect of wellness?
- What support is available to staff when they experience stress?
- What support is in place to support staff when they experience violence and aggression?



## What support is available for staff in respect of wellness?







#### Employee Wellbeing Intranet pages

- The Health Boards intranet contains a range of information and hyperlinks to wellbeing information including:
  - NHS Direct Health and Wellbeing support
  - Public Health and healthy lifestyle choices information
  - Pastoral Care and the Chaplaincy Service
  - Financial support and related services
  - Links to Health & Safety and Violence and Aggression intranet pages

http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=743&pid=47184



#### WELLBEING CHAMPIONS



Commenced October 2016

Signposting

Raise awareness & promote wellbeing

Approx. 40 – grew to over 350

Workshops: Spring & Autumn

HPMA Wales finalist 2019

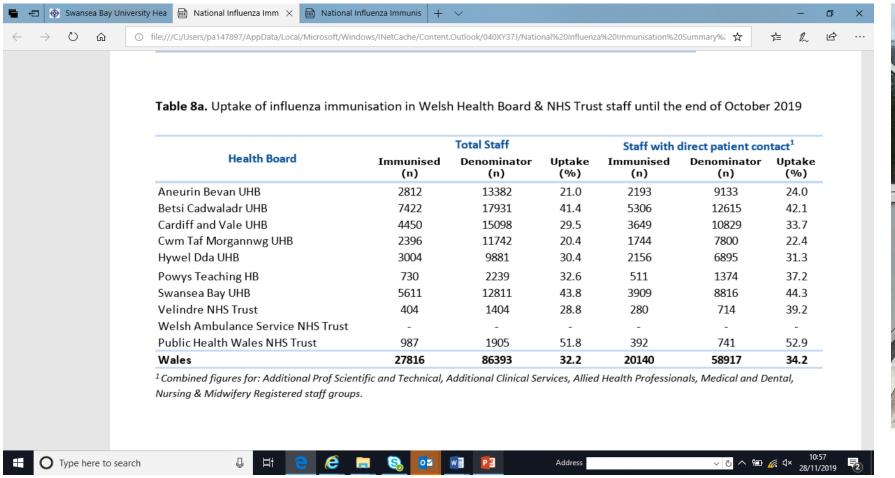
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#### Staff Flu vaccination programme 2019/20





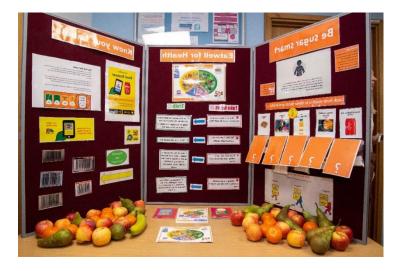
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#### WELLBEING WEEK 2019

650 staff



44 Workshops 450 staff











#### TIME TO CHANGE WALES





a gweithredu ar iechyd meddwl yn y gweithle
We pledge to change the way we think
and act about mental health at work.



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#### WORKSHOPS DELIVERED

Occupational Health – Guidance for Managers

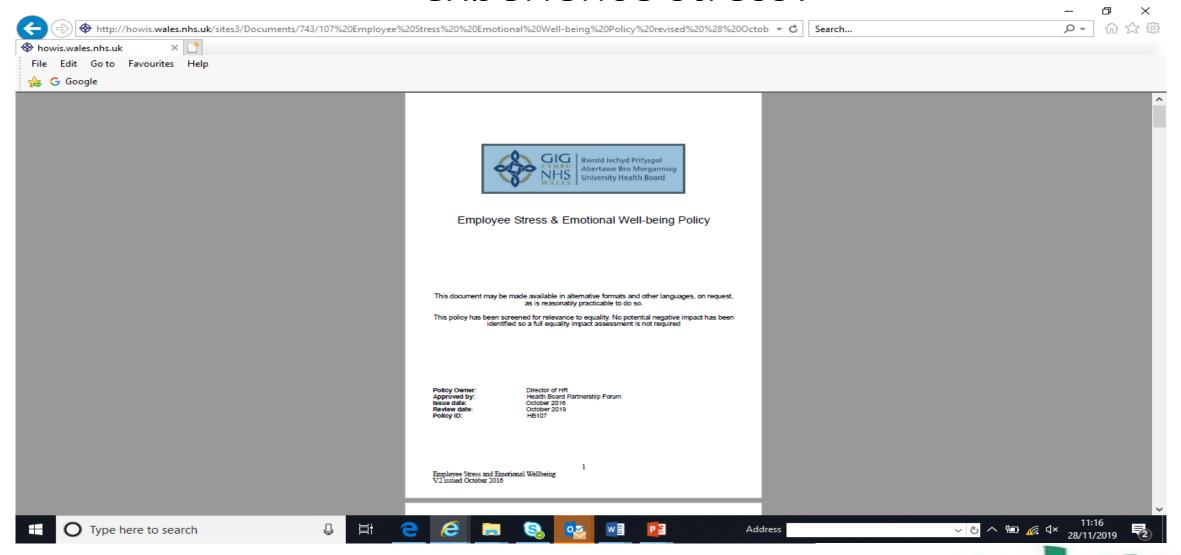
Mindful Menopause

Managing your Wellbeing





### What support is available to staff when they experience stress?



## MINDFUL & MEANINGFUL LIVING COURSE

By: Dr. Paul Flaxman & Ross McInosh (City University London)

A brief personal resilience programme (based on principles of Acceptance & Commitment Therapy)

Designed to improve employees' psychological well-being



## MINDFUL & MEANINGFUL LIVING COURSE

We began delivering this course to HB staff in **May 2018.** 

The aim is to provide people in the workplace with tools and strategies to manage stress and worry.

The course is delivered over 4 sessions to a maximum of 12 people.

Courses are advertised via the intranet and Wellbeing Service.

We have delivered **12 courses** across Singleton, NPTH and Glanrhyd. **105 participants** have attended the courses to date.

The data collected from pre and post outcome measures: indicates an overall improvement in mental wellbeing, psychological flexibility and level of mindfulness; and a reduction in symptoms of burnout.

## STAFF WELLBEING ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Commenced June 2018 - Bevan Exemplar

Referrals: 1632

Telephone
assessment
offered within 5
working days

Mental Health 73% Physical Health 27%

Signposting to community/on-line resources

Self management for health

**CBT** approaches

No further support needed after Initial Contact



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#### WORK RELATED STRESS RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS

<u>Aim</u>: To discuss WRS, introduce the WRSA tool and to train managers to use this with their team(s) to measure the risk of work related stress.

Following a pilot, we began delivering this to managers in March 2018.

Between March 18-June 19, have had **51 training** sessions across the 4 main sites, as well as occasional sessions in sites such as Glanrhyd & Cefn Coed Hospitals.

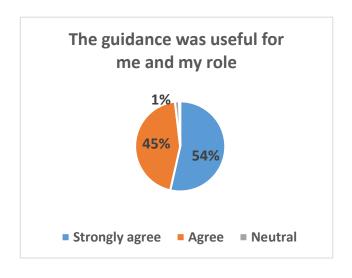
It is advertised to all managers across HB via the intranet

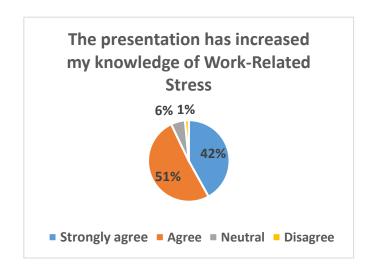
**445 managers** have attended the training to date.

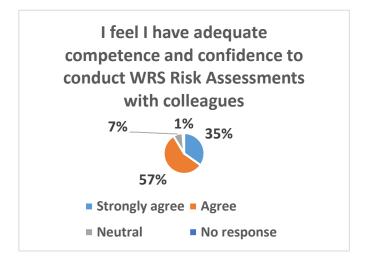


#### FEEDBACK

The majority of the attendees believed the session was useful for their role, increased their knowledge of work related stress and confidence when addressing issues and formulating action plans to manage stress within the workplace.









## FOLLOW UP- 3 MONTHS AFTER ATTENDING SESSION

The tool helped to:

Highlight the sources of stress

Identified issues for further discussion

Measured the risk of stress

Increased confidence within teams

Managers have used the tool:

As a conversation guide

Team Survey

1:1 basis

**PADR** 



#### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MANAGER TRAINING

Aim: to raise awareness of MH difficulties & explore methods to support staff to manage their mental health within the workplace.
Pilot started May 2018.

- Between May 18-June 19, we have delivered **39 training** sessions across the **4 main sites**, as well as occasional sessions in sites such as Glanrhyd & Cefn Coed Hospitals.
- It is advertised to all managers across HB via the intranet
- 229 managers have attended the training to date.

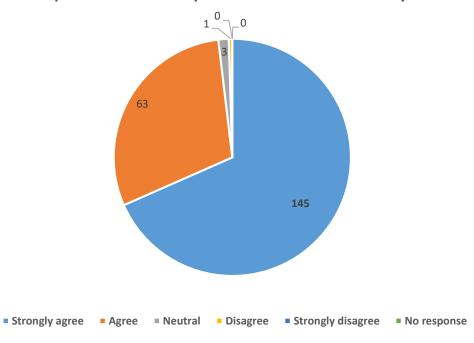


#### FEEDBACK

The majority of attendees believed the session increased their knowledge of mental health difficulties and confidence when talking to colleagues about mental health.

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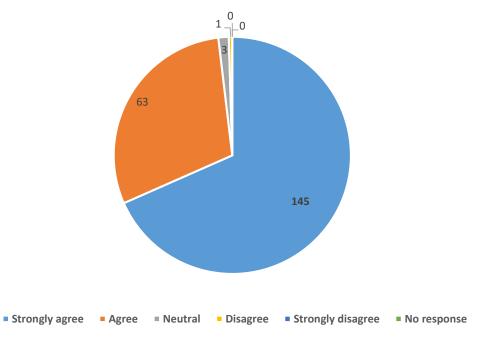


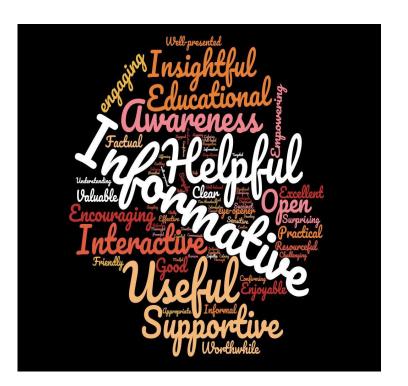
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## What support is in place to support staff when they experience violence and aggression?









Highly Specialist Consultant
Clinical Psychologist
Intervention for trauma
support & work based
interventions

Specialist Interventions e.g. EMDR
Support for teams/services after adverse incidents

Group based interventions; Group traumatic episode protocol (G-TEP)

Staff Wellbeing Service including MSk Pathway/Physiotherapy support, Staff Counselling, on-line resources and sign-posting

#### CLEARER SPACE GROUP

Early intervention for trauma (EMDR therapy)

Current pilot: Aug-Nov 19 (offered across all sites). 5 ppts per group desirable.

Is a resource offering support to address the unwanted effects of traumatic or upsetting events which are between 1-3 months old.

Uses the Group traumatic episode protocol (G-TEP) to regain a sense of control, balance and distress reduction, enabling them to engage with the natural process of recovery and move forward in their daily lives.

Can be 1-off session (1 hr) or through 2 sessions (1 hr & 1.5hrs) (spaced days apart) to work through disturbing aspects of a job role, thereby preventing stress accumulating.

Preliminary data....

Following the G-TEP session, 12/13 scored as being no longer at a clinical level for PTSD symptoms. (\*The 13<sup>th</sup> ppt scores showed reduction to borderline clinical significance).

16 participants to date. 13/16 met a screening diagnosis of PTSD at assesment.

#### Potential for;

Exposure/witnessing a work
related assault, injury or
accident or critical incident,
Exposure to hearing/reading
about something upsetting,
Receiving a diagnosis of illness
or experiencing a work related or
personal loss, Working through
demanding and stressful workrelated clinics or caseloads to
prevent escalation of physical
and mental fatigue.



# Questions, Feedback and Queries from the Committee....

