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Meeting	Quality and Safety Committee			
Report Title	Influenza Debrief Report			
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Freedom of Information	Open			
Purpose of the Report	This report provides the Quality & Safety Committee with an overview of the Health Board response to the increased Seasonal Influenza activity experienced in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU HB) 2017/18.			
Key Issues	The paper highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Themes and recommendations from the Flu Debrief held in April 2018. 			
Specific Action Required <i>(please ✓ one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
	✓			
Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the recommendations and support the implementation within each Service Delivery Unit. 			

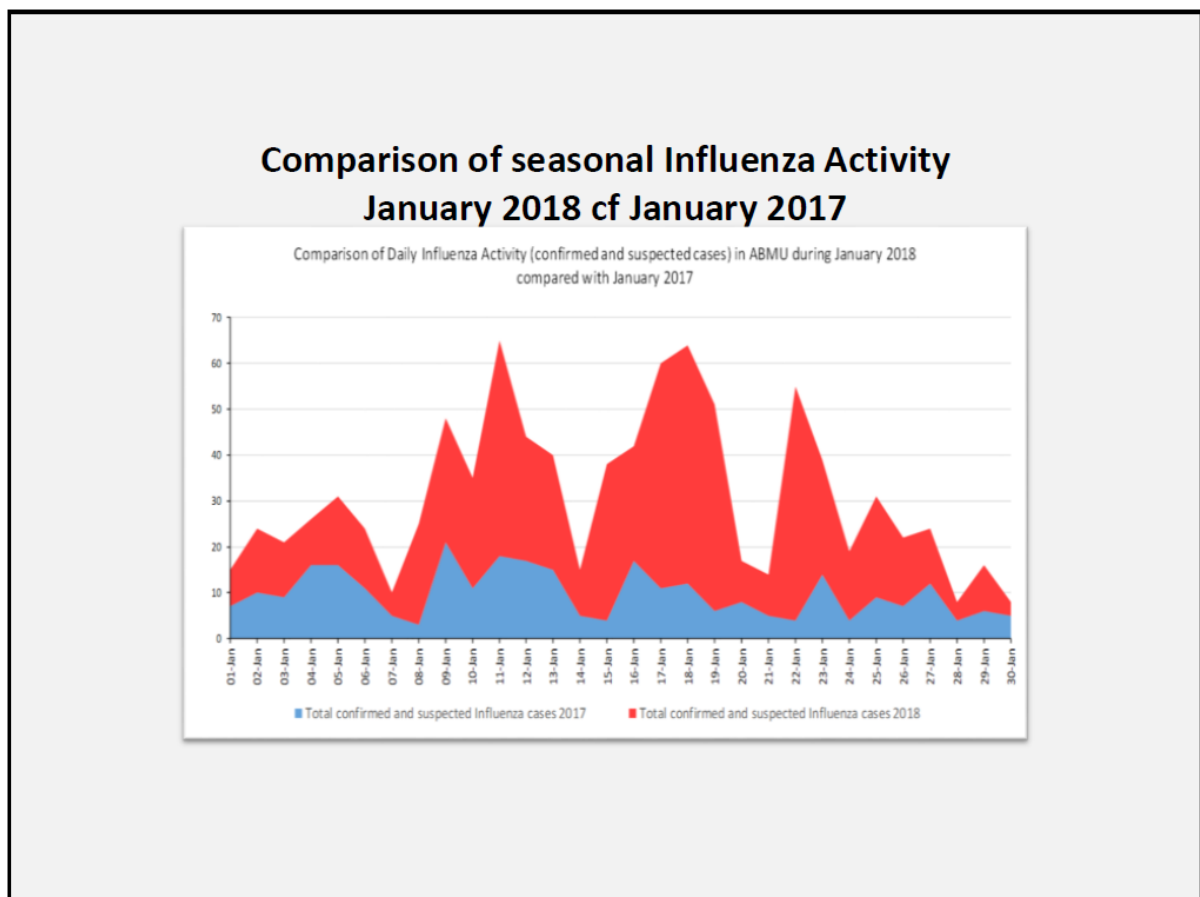
Infection Prevention & Control Exception Report In Committee Quality and Safety meeting

INTRODUCTION

This report provides the Quality & Safety Committee with an overview of the Health Board response to the Increased Seasonal Influenza Activity experienced in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU HB) 2017/18

BACKGROUND

Influenza is a virus that can cause respiratory symptoms throughout the year, but generally the majority of Influenza infections circulate through the winter season, between the month of November and March. During the 2017/18 season, ABMU experienced 4 times more cases reported when compared to previous seasons. The increased burden of influenza in ABMU, particularly in relation to Secondary care admission, can be seen in the chart below.



To reflect on the Health Boards response to the influenza activity, and to improve our preparedness for the future, a formal structured debrief took place on the 9th of April

2018, at the Neath Port Talbot Resource Centre. The objectives were to learn from areas of good practice and lessons identified during the response. The full debrief report provides recommendations based on what was learned and should be considered in future planning. Attached as **Appendix 1**.

GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The report highlights the need for each Service Delivery Unit to have a contingency plan in place that clearly outlines actions to follow in the event of an increase in influenza admissions. This should include Leadership and consistent application of influenza risk assessment of all patients presenting to emergency/assessment/admission units, separate waiting areas for potential cases and a dedicated Cohort ward.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Introduction of local testing for Influenza provided a more timely result. The confirmed result influenced the appropriate prioritisation of single room utilisation and also allowed the clinician to adjust individual case management and also the management of other patient groups. This service was provided at an additional cost to the Health Board.

Additional staff resources were required to maintain patient flow and to support clinical areas respond to the increased activity.

RECOMMENDATION

The Quality and Safety Committee is asked to note the contents of this exception report.

Governance and Assurance							
Link to corporate objectives (please ✓)	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Embedding effective governance and partnerships
			✓				
Link to Health and Care Standards (please ✓)	Staying Healthy	Safe Care	Effective Care	Dignified Care	Timely Care	Individual Care	Staff and Resources
		✓					
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience							
Effective infection prevention and control needs to be everybody's business and must be part of everyday healthcare practice and be based on the best available evidence so that people are protected from preventable healthcare associated infections.							
Financial Implications							
Introduction of local testing for Influenza was provided at an additional cost to the Health Board.							
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)							
N/A							
Staffing Implications							
Additional staff resources were required to maintain patient flow and to support clinical areas respond to the increased activity.							
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)							
A healthier Wales: preventing infections							
Report History							
Appendices		Influenza debrief report					