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To: All local authorities in Wales

Dear Director of Public Protection,

Appointment / Authorisation of Proper Officers – Health Protection Legislation

Due to a number of recent new appointments within our Health Protection Division and improvements to our on-call arrangements I am pleased to provide you with an updated list of appropriately qualified individuals for the above purposes. The continued cooperation between your authority and Public Health Wales is key to the effective operation of health protection services across Wales.

Therefore I would be most grateful if your local authority could update your list of Consultants appointed and authorised as Proper Officers for the purposes of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008) and Regulations made under the 1984 Act.

For those local authorities with responsibilities for a port, please would you also update your list of Port Medical Officers under the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1979 (as amended) and Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1979 (as amended).

Following discussions at the Communicable Disease Expert Panel and with Welsh Government the use of the title 'Alternate Proper Officer' is not necessary. All the named individuals appear on the appropriate specialist register of the GMC or UKPHR.

New names

Dr Meirion Evans	Consultant Epidemiologist
Dr Christopher Johnson	Consultant in Health Protection
Dr Brendan Mason	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control
Dr Giri Shankar	Professional Lead Consultant for Health Protection
Dr Christopher Williams	Consultant Epidemiologist

Existing names

Could you please take this opportunity to ensure that your records are up to date and that you have already appointed the following Consultants:

Dr Graham Brown	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control
Mrs Heather Lewis	Consultant in Health Protection
Mr Siôn Lingard	Consultant in Health Protection
Dr Gwen Lowe	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control
Dr Rhianwen Stiff	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control

Names to be removed from your list of Proper Officers

Dr Jörg Hoffmann; Dr Marion Lyons; Dr Christine Whiteside

May I please request that letters of appointment detailing all powers under which the individuals may act are forwarded to our Swansea office (address above) for appropriate distribution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Quentin Sandifer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Quentin Sandifer

Executive Director of Public Health Services and Medical Director