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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I was wondering whether I could get information regarding the recent TB outbreak at HMP & YOI Parc in a PDF format?

I would just like to know when the recent TB outbreak started, how many inmates were infected, and what was the plan going forward to test inmates and staff, and from this how many have been confirmed to be positive with TB or Latent TB?

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request to Public Health Wales.

The total number of TB cases investigated in those who have been resident at HMP Parc is 6. TB cases may have non-specific symptoms for months before diagnosis. The first case that led to the identification of this outbreak was diagnosed with TB in late October 2019 and the first incident management team meeting was held on 13.11.19.

Contacts of all individuals with TB were identified and offered screening.

A further cohort of 75 prison staff were offered screening. These were primarily staff who had done bedwatch shifts with the cases.

Following this, a decision was made to extend the offer of TB screening to all prisoner facing staff at HMP Parc and for all prisoners resident on general wings at HMP Parc. This screening took place in March 2020. In total 670 staff and 1065 prisoners were screened. These results are still being worked through and returned to those screened and as we don't have the full results of the screening yet, we are at this time unable to confirm the total numbers.

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