

**CNO FORUM MEETING**  
**Friday 26 November 2021**  
**12pm-12:45pm**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Sue Tranka- Chair (CNO Wales)	
Ruth May (CNO England)	
Linda Kelly (CNO Northern Ireland)	
Georgina Bassett (CNO Ireland)	Rachel Kenna (CNO Ireland)
	Alex McMahon (CNO Scotland)
[Redacted s40(2) (Scribe)]	

Agenda

**1. Welcome**

Sue welcomed everyone and introduced herself to Linda Kelly and Georgina Bassett.

**1.1 Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Alex McMahon and Rachel Kenna.

**1.2 Last Minutes/ Actions**

**Last Minutes**

Sue discussed the previous minutes. One amendment noted from Georgina:

**ANP- up to 3 %**

No further amendments made. Minutes confirmed as accurate.

**Actions**

Ruth May considered the action re. speaking to NI commissioners and on reflection had decided it best to not progress at this stage.

Maternity Winter Plan- Complete.

Letter to students- Alex to update at next meeting.

Draft and share principles- Sue to carry over and update in the New Year.

NMC Proposal- In process.

CNO Wales office has made contact with Redacted s40(2) (Scribe) , DCNO to share lessons learnt from England IR plans.

QNI conference Redacted s40(2) (CEO) responded to the letter sent by the CNOs.

Sue thanked the CNOs for their support and alliance in regards to the racism questions posed at QNI event. Noted that Redacted s40(2) responded positively and had made contact with Sue to discuss.

**ACTION** Redacted s40(2) **to send the Maternity Winter Plan to** Redacted s40(2)

**ACTION Alex to provide update on letter to students from last minutes.**

**ACTION Sue to provide update on draft and share principles from the previous minutes from the previous meeting.**

## **2. Country Updates**

### **2.1 Wales**

- New variant of concern B1.1.529

Cases gradually decreasing. School holidays in December provides a natural firebreak, to help reduce the spread of the virus. Hospital admissions approx. 4% all COVID positive. Huge pressures on all NHS staff, in particular Maternity Services. Vaccination rates in Wales are generally good, but 12-15 year old category's First dose 50%. For healthcare workers, first dose uptake at 97.3%, and boosters at 74%. NMC report- Wales 1.6% increase on the register. We have 72% increase in training numbers for nurses and 97% for midwives. CEO of the Research society in South Africa advising of recent findings from new variant, after informing WHO.

**ACTION CNOs to commission UK IPC cell to review enhanced respiratory protective equipment e.g. FFP2vs FRSM. For now, maintain all current IPC measures, as published in latest IPC guidance.**

**ACTION Sue to speak to Redacted s40(2) (IPC Cells) to formally ask as a 4 CNO approach to review IPC guidance and in particular compliance of mandatory face coverings in public. To be raised at Senior Clinicians Group meeting.**

**ACTION Sue and Ruth to discuss with their Comms team about campaigning for mandatory face coverings in public.**

**ACTION Ruth to discuss with CMO England if another Senior Clinicians meeting needs to be had to discuss the new variant.**

- FNF honours roll for staff deaths during COVID

Discussed with the CNOs.

**ACTION Sue to write to Redacted s40(2) to ask to if she can draft a proposal for the CNOs to discuss sensitive data in relation to healthcare worker deaths during COVID**

### **2.2 England**

- New variant of concern B1.1.529

Changes in Midlands around Critical care. Register looks good. International recruitment is positive. Recruited 9,000 Nurses in 6 months. International recruitment drive in Europe for Midwives and 400 Midwives had been recruited.

**ACTION Ruth to update CNOs on what happened at the Messenger Review.**

### 2.3 N Ireland

- New variant of concern B1.1.529

Discussed new figures received today. Higher number than expected. 393 cases per day. ICU beds- 35 COVID positive patients occupying beds. Cases are increasing. Concerns around critical care staff levels. T&F group set up to manage this. Rise in vacancies- 500+. Planning to fast track students into roles quicker. Critical care in hospitals are at full capacity. Concerns over the winter period. Hospital visiting guidance- COVID certificate to be presented.

### 2.4 Ireland

- New variant of concern B1.1.529

Reviewed more restrictions. Children under 9 years old wearing face coverings. 3,600 cases a day- cases are spiking. Retention and recruitment- experiencing some delays.

### 2.5 Scotland

No Update provided.

## 3. AoB

**ACTION Additional CNO Forum meeting to be set up for Friday 03 December and invite Redacted s40(2) to discuss IPC. Alex to chair. Complete.**

Next CNO Forum Meeting Friday 10 December 12:00-12:45- Ruth to chair.