

## **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HSS – 05-01-01(p.4)**

**DATE: 14 March 2001**

**VENUE: COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 2.00 pm to 5.15 pm**

**TITLE: Influenza Campaign 2000 and plans for 2001 – Paper to Note**

### **Background**

The Keep Well This Winter Campaign, launched in October 2000,

increased the number of people who could receive a free flu

vaccination from their GP's. People aged 65 years and over, as well as those in at-risk groups, were recommended for immunisation.

Monthly returns on the number of people vaccinated are sent by GP's to named Immunisation Co-ordinators in each Health Authority. Each co-ordinator collates the returns and provides the Assembly with a monthly vaccination uptake return.

### **Vaccination Uptake Rates - Position as at 31 January 2001**

#### **Over 65's**

Health Authority	Number of over 65's	Number of GP practices	Number of GP practices submitted returns	Total over 65's known to have been vaccinated	% of total over 65's vaccinated	% of GP returned practices vaccinated
Bro Taf	<b>114,251</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>65,296</b>	<b>57.15</b>	<b>58.02</b>
Dyfed Powys	<b>92,306</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36,338</b>	<b>39.36</b>	<b>51.16</b>
Gwent	<b>91,092</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>40,207</b>	<b>44.13</b>	<b>51.92</b>

Morgannwg	<b>88,912</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>			50.00
North Wales	<b>123,402</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>59,816</b>	<b>48.47</b>	<b>51.60</b>
WALES						52.54

## At Risk Groups

Health Authority	Number of at risks	Number of GP practices	Number of returning GP practices	Number of at risks in GP returned practices	Total at risks in GP returned practices vaccinated	% in returning practices vaccinated
Bro Taf		<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>64,476</b>	<b>25,574</b>	<b>39.66</b>
Dyfed Powys		<b>78</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32,095</b>	<b>10,543</b>	<b>32.84</b>
Gwent		<b>106</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>40,258</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>34.67</b>
Morgannwg		<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32,680</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>26.30</b>
North Wales		<b>140</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>53,730</b>	<b>20,875</b>	<b>38.85</b>
WALES	<b>287,301*</b> <b>278,791**</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>34.46</b>

## Findings

1. Over 65 figured for Morgannwg HA are provisional.
2. There is no evidence that the uptake rates in practices that have failed to return will be significantly different from returned practices.
3. Populations in "at risk" groups can only be ascertained by returns from GP practices. % uptake can therefore only be expressed as ratio in practices that have submitted returns (point 2 also

applies).

4. \* = 1891(GP's) X 1694 (patients) X 60% (18-64 years) X % in at risk groups

\*\* = projection of at risks taken from reported returns (223,239 / 434 X 542)