

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-406	14 th October 2021
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Could you provide a copy of the written advice that Public Health Wales and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board have provided to schools on:

- **Local outbreaks, i.e.:**

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) is a core member of the Incident Management Teams (IMT) for Gwent, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen alongside colleagues from Public Health Wales and Local Authorities.

The IMT, chaired by the respective local authority, make a collective decision on the advice and any communications with schools including any warn and inform letters that the IMT agrees are necessary. ABUHB has not provided any advice to schools outside of the IMT process.

The overarching framework within which all of this is delivered is set nationally by Welsh Government. The latest guidance can be found here:

[School operations: coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

- **Updated information on contingency planning and updated contingency framework.**

ABUHB has not provided advice to schools on contingency planning and updated contingency framework.

- **The precise criteria that will be used to decide whether schools are ever to close again in the future.**

ABUHB has not provided advice to schools on precise criteria that will be used to decide whether they are ever to close again in the future.

- **The precise criteria that will be used to decide when schools move a class or year group to home learning.**

ABUHB has not provided advice to schools on the precise criteria to decide when schools move a class or year group to home learning.

- **The actions school should take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in their setting.**

These actions are set out in the national guidance (as above). Any additional advice provided through the IMT process may be tailored to the specific setting as described above.

- **Responsibilities of local authorities**

ABUHB works in partnership with Local Authorities as part of the IMT process as outlined above including local authority departments such as Education

and Environmental Health who may engage with and provide support to schools during incidents.