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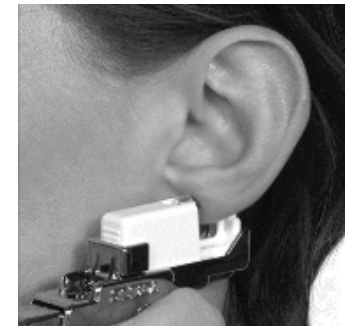
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An overview of the mandatory licensing scheme for special procedures in Wales

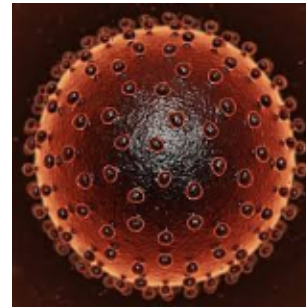
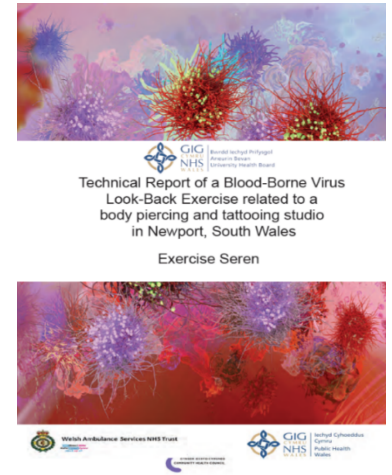
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Public health risks are well documented and underreported. This is exacerbated by a fragmented regulatory framework



Mandatory Licensing Scheme

- 2 types of 'licence'
 - Special Procedures Licence
 - Premises/Vehicle Approval Certificate
- 3 year or 'no more than' 7 days
- Criteria that are required to be met on application
- Conditions that the person holding the licence/approval certificate
- LAs also required to maintain and publish a register

This will result in an improved approach to enforcement

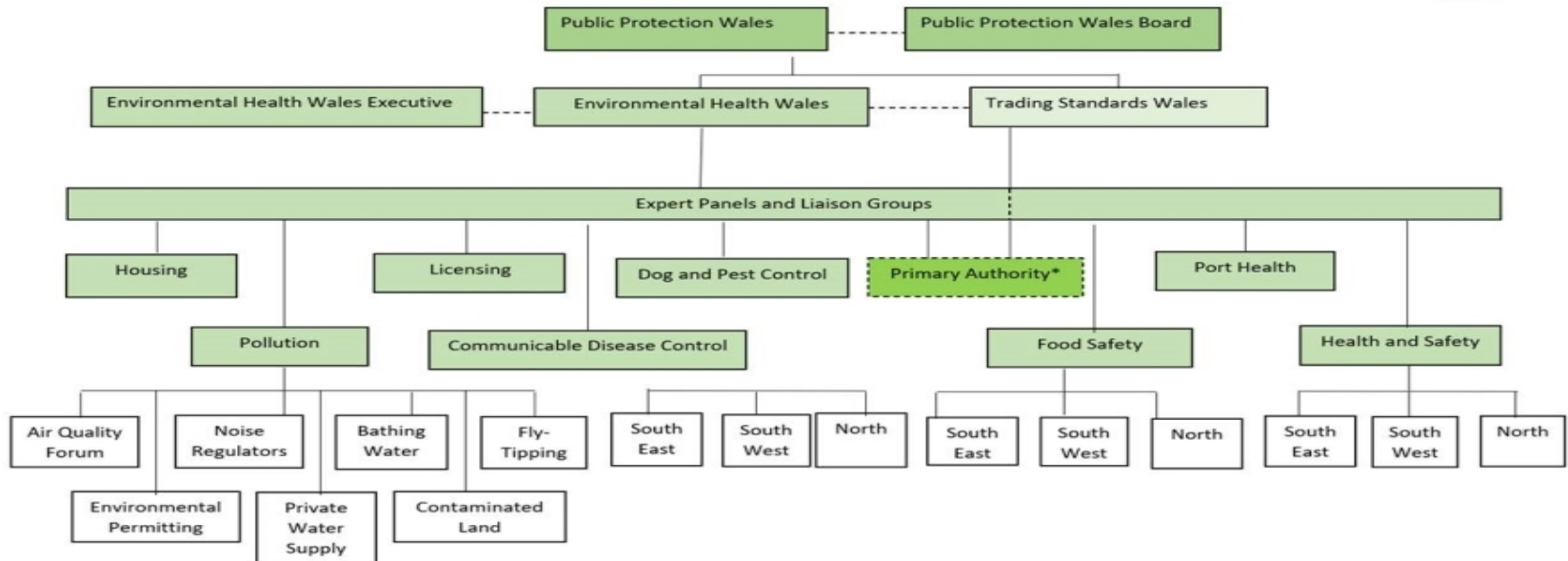
Introduction of the Licensing Scheme

- Coming into force in June 2024
- 5 sets of regulations that require consultation
- Considerable preparation required by local authorities
- Supported by a network of stakeholders
 - Environmental health and licensing colleagues
 - Practitioners
 - Industry representatives and associations
 - Clinicians and public health specialists

Active engagement with local authority and industry stakeholders is critical



Environmental Health Wales Groups



*The Primary Authority Group communicates with EHW and TSW

Local authority preparations

- Registration to licensing
- Are internal structures, procedures and resources 'fit for purpose'?
- Staff competency
- Supporting practitioners
- Start monitoring now (pre/post implementation)
- Minimal funding – 'working outside the box'
- Effective preparation will assure a more efficient and 'stress free' transition

Next Steps

- Response to consultation to be published shortly.
- Next consultation to go live just after Christmas:
 - 5 sets of draft regulations
 - Statutory guidance 'Fitness to perform special procedures'
 - Details of transition
- Programme of training (LAs/industry) begins 5th December.
- Development of a Special Procedures Expert Panel.
- DPPW on behalf of the profession approved national licence and approval fees.



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Diolch yn fawr
Thank you very much

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