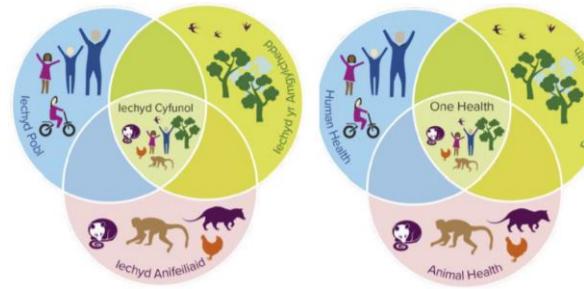


Developing an Interdisciplinary One Health Education Package



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Project Background:

"One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems." (WHO)

There is an opportunity for One Health approaches to promote interdisciplinary teaching and professional development on system-wide issues that cross the human-animal-environmental interface, integrating multiple disciplines across the system and bringing together partners to work on issues that intersect these domains.

Project Aims/Objectives:

Aim- to embed One Health approaches in Wales, creating new partnerships on system-wide issues that cross the human-animal-environmental interface

Objective- To develop, deliver and evaluate a One Health education package aimed at introducing and embedding One Health concepts

Project Approach:

This project applied the One Health approach to the education setting, integrating a range of specialties and disciplines where possible. This involved establishing links with existing and new partnerships in order to develop, deliver and evaluate the education package and then develop a set of recommendations for the next steps. Different teaching methods were applied and evaluated to continuously develop and improve the approach.

Project Outcome(s):

Presented a One Health Webinar to a multidisciplinary audience hosted by Public Health Network Cymru

Delivered a One Health workshop at the Green Health Wales conference

Presented on One Health at a Swansea University Medical School Faculty Development Session

Delivered a One Health workshop to an audience brought together by the Bevan Commission and Learned Society of Wales

Funding has been secured for a One Health practitioner in Hywel Dda UHB, the first in Wales

Next Steps:

This project will be embedded within the work of a One Health practitioner within Hywel Dda UHB. Further areas which could be explored include:

- Exploring the approach in other health boards
- Consider the role of One Health as an approach in education settings e.g. schools
- Consider the opportunities within the Tertiary Education and Research Act

Project Impact:

Feedback from the Public Health Network Cymru webinar



How useful did you find the webinar - 4.44 average rating

Why did you give this score?

- "A good overview of some of the issues and work that is going on - very interesting, thanks"
- "Really informative, covering many aspects which does highlight the importance of communication between all stakeholders"
- "Information was relevant and all participants spoke very well"
- "Great selection of presenters, fascinating presentations"

Key Conclusions:

Connections

One Health highlights the importance of the connecting and coming together of multiple disciplines to share different challenges and perspectives. There was some discussion around the benefits of a co-ordinating function that promotes this collaboration and where the testing of these challenges and perspectives against One Health principles could be promoted.

Complexity

One Health as an approach can help us to work with the uncertainty and complexity of issues that intersect the human-animal-environmental interface, incorporating data, knowledge and skills from a range of disciplines and lenses. There was some discussion on how this complexity and uncertainty could be then applied within networks and statutory bodies in Wales, e.g. Public Service Boards under the Well-being of Future Generations Act

Competencies

A One Health education package could be used to help test our challenges and experiences from our own disciplines against One Health principles. This could help us to address gaps in our knowledge and skills (e.g. zoonotic diseases and its relation to human health) as well as identifying opportunities to strengthen existing areas of work and promote cohesion in our approaches (e.g. using One Health as part of interprofessional education)

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