Appendix 7. PHU rabies virus and other lyssaviruses (including ABLV) follow-up checklist

Patient ID number: ____________

1. If potential exposure to rabies or other lyssaviruses (incl. ABLV):

   **Contact the exposed person (or care-giver) to:**
   - Identify source and circumstances of potential exposure, including identification of bat species if possible
   - Determine if any other persons or animals were exposed to same animal/bat
   - Determine if animal/bat available for testing and arrange testing where appropriate — refer to the Guidelines for testing bats involved in human exposures on PopNet.
   - Review exposed person’s vaccination status and immune competence, and discuss need for post-exposure treatment (PET) and prophylaxis (PEP) and if they have a preferred doctor to manage provision of PET
   - Confirm risk assessment with senior PHU staff, and determine required timeframe for commencing PEP using the Principles of Post-Exposure Risk Assessments and Timelines on PopNet.
   - Provide with Rabies and ABLV Factsheet.

   **Contact exposed person’s doctor to:**
   - Discuss need for PET, including wound management and provision of PEP
   - Complete Rabies virus and other lyssaviruses (including ABLV) post-exposure prophylaxis form
   - Arrange for timely delivery of vaccine and HRIG to doctor, as appropriate.

   **Other issues:**
   - Enter details of exposure, PET and animal testing onto NCIMS.

2. If human rabies or ABLV case:

   **Contact the patient’s doctor to:**
   - Obtain patient’s history
   - Confirm results of relevant pathology tests
   - Recommend that the tests be done if needed.

   **Contact the patient (or care-giver) to:**
   - Confirm onset date and symptoms of the illness
   - Identify likely source of exposure including type of animal/bat and type of exposure
   - Determine if any other persons/animals were exposed to same animal/bat
   - Provide Rabies and ABLV Factsheet.

   **Contact laboratory to:**
   - Obtain any outstanding results

   **Confirm case:**
   - Assess information against case definition

   **Other issues:**
   - Report details of case to state/territory communicable diseases branch and senior managers as appropriate
   - Enter case data onto NCIMS