



AGENDA ITEM

2.2.4

QUALITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING

18 May 2021

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT

Public

IF PRIVATE PLEASE INDICATE REASON

Not Applicable - Public Report

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PRESENTED BY

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EXECUTIVE SPONSOR APPROVED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NURSING

REPORT PURPOSE

For Noting

ACRONYMS

None Identified.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report had been prepared to provide the Board with details of the key issues considered by the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at its meeting on 23 March 2021.
- 1.2 Key highlights from the meeting are reported in section 2.
- 1.3 The Sub Committee is requested to **NOTE** the report.

2. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

ALERT / ESCALATE	None to Report
ADVISE	<p>It was NOTED that the Health Board is not on trajectory to meet the Tier 1 targets for reducing healthcare associated infections 2020/21 despite reporting fewer cases compared to the same period last year. The additional Infection, Prevention & Control (IPC) precautions and environmental cleaning put in place for COVID-19 has had a positive impact on other infections.</p> <p>COVID - 19 charts presented by Public Health Wales (PHW) identify a downward trend of COVID - 19.</p> <p>Urgent investment is required to recruit and appoint a dedicated IPC resource for primary care to scope and introduce targeted interventions to improve IPC practices and reduce antimicrobial usage and resistance. A report is being written.</p> <p>There has been a peracetic acid leak in sterile services department in Royal Glamorgan Hospital (RGH). A debrief meeting has been held and a report will be presented to the Management Board with their findings and actions. The incident will be reported to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) as a RIDDOR. Head of Operational Health Safety and Fire to check if a Serious Incident has been submitted to Welsh Government.</p>
ASSURE	<p>The Committee received and noted for assurance the contents of the IPC/Decontamination Risk Register.</p> <p>The Committee received and noted for assurance the following Exception reports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decontamination; • Merthyr & Cynon Integrated Locality Group (MC ILG); • Rhondda Taff Ely Integrated Locality Group (RTE ILG); • Bridgend Integrated Locality Group (ILG); • Waste; • Housekeeping; • Antimicrobial Stewardship.

<p>INFORM</p>	<p>The IPC Committee were informed in March that there was currently one COVID-19 outbreak ongoing in Prince Charles Hospital (PCH). The COVID-19 outbreaks in RTE and MC ILGs have been declared over. The Outbreak Control Team (OCT) meetings have been disbanded and each of the ILG's have their own meetings to monitor new cases. At the time of writing this report the Covid outbreak has now ended.</p> <p>The following policies/procedures/guidelines were presented and approved by Committee members:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Annual Report 2019/20 • IPC Terms of Reference • Decontamination of Flexible Endoscopes and Intra Cavity Probes Procedure (IPC05) • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy (IPC07) • C. difficile Care pathway (IPC18) MC & RTE • C. difficile Care pathway (IPC18) Bridgend • Varicella Zoster Virus Policy (IPC20) <p>An IPC annual plan will be put in place to monitor Tier 1 targets for each ILG following agreement from the Nurse Directors.</p> <p>An external review will be undertaken by Shared Services to look at the decontamination infrastructure, processes and systems within CTMUHB.</p> <p>Work has commenced to integrate the antimicrobial guidelines across the Organisation.</p> <p>The National "Start Smart then Focus" antimicrobial audits to be introduced across the Acute sites. Firstly on Bridgend site. Antibiotic Review Kit (ARK) chart has been approved at an All-Wales level and will be rolled out at a later date across the Organisation.</p>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p> <p>NONE</p>