



AGENDA ITEM

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QUALITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

**HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE INFECTION PREVENTION AND
CONTROL COMMITTEE**

DATE OF MEETING

9 August 2021

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT

Public

**IF PRIVATE PLEASE
INDICATE REASON**

Not Applicable - Public Report

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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 24 June 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>The Tier 1 targets for reducing health care associated infections have not been revised since 2019/20 and have been extended further for 2021/22.</p> <p>For the period April – May 2021, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB have reported more cases for all five mandatory surveillance organisms compared to the same period last year. A significant proportion are community acquired infections.</p> <p>Local reduction expectations for each of the Integrated Locality Groups (ILGs) have been agreed and progress will be monitored via local infection prevention and control meetings.</p> <p>Urgent investment is required to recruit and appoint a dedicated Infection, Prevention & Control (IPC) resource for primary care to scope and introduce targeted interventions to improve IPC practices and reduce antimicrobial usage and resistance. A report will be presented to the Infection Prevention and Control Committee in September.</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"> • Rhondda Taff Ely (RTE) ILG • Merthyr Cynon (MC) ILG • Bridgend ILG • Antimicrobial Stewardship • Facilities (Housekeeping, Waste & Food Safety)
INFORM	<p>There are no ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks in CTM.</p> <p>Committee members received and noted the following IPC Reports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Report April – May 2021

- IPC / Decontamination Risk Register
- IPC Annual Report 2020/21
- ILG reduction Expectations for 2021-22
- COVID19 Update
- Negative pressure Room Placement

The following documents have been circulated for consultation:-

- Housekeeping and Cleanliness Policy FACHK01
- Waste Policy
- Food Safety Policy FAC CN01 v3

The following documents were approved at Committee:-

- IPC06 - Linen Policy
- IPC09 - MRSA Procedure
- IPC12 - Isolation Guidelines for Infection Control
- IPC13 - Peripheral Vascular Catheter Protocol
- IPC22 - Scabies Protocol

The following document was received at the meeting for noting. To be forwarded to the Clinical Policies Group for Approval.

- IPC23 - Tuberculosis IPC Policy for the Management of Patients in Hospital

The following documents were received at the meeting for noting:-

- COVID-19: Guidance for maintaining services within health and care settings. Infection prevention and control recommendations. (Updated June 2021).
- TFGCCIC (21) 10 Letter from DCMO CNO to NHS Wales: Paediatrics RSV planning (June 2021)

An extra ordinary meeting is being arranged to discuss implementation of the revised COVID-19 guidance and planning is underway to prepare and respond to the expected increase in RSV cases August 2021 – March 2022.

With support from shared services colleagues, an internal review is being undertaken to look at the current decontamination infrastructure, processes and systems within CTMUHB. Recommendations to follow.



	<p>The Endoscopy Unit in Princess of Wales (POW) achieved an amber rating in the recent JAG audit undertaken by Shared Services colleagues.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to standardise decontamination of laryngoscope handles.</p> <p>A recall notice has been received for a batch of Clinell Universal wipes and further work is underway to determine if there are links to the outbreak of Burkholderia aenigmatica in England.</p> <p>Work has commenced to integrate the antimicrobial guidelines across the Organisation.</p>
APPENDICES	<p>Choose an item.</p> <p>NONE</p>