



AGENDA ITEM

3.2.7

Quality and Safety Committee

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING

19 July 2022

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 has been prepared to provide the Committee with details of the key issues considered by the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Committee at its meeting on 28th June 2022.
- 1.2 Key highlights from the meeting are reported in section 2.
- 1.3 The Committee is requested to **NOTE** the report.

2. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

ALERT / ESCALATE	None identified this period.
ADVISE	<p>Following a surge in COVID cases, universal mask wearing has been re-introduced and social distancing is being encouraged across Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB).</p> <p>The Welsh Government antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infection improvement goals for 2021/22 have been extended until March 2023. A reduction in cases has been reported for four of the five mandatory surveillance organisms with only an increase in Staph. Aureus bacteremia cases noted, between April – June 2022.</p> <p>Local improvement goals are being developed in line with Welsh Government reduction expectations.</p> <p>Improvement work to reduce preventable infections has been impeded due to a resurgence in COVID cases.</p> <p>Medical representation needs to be strengthened in the Clostridium difficile Root Cause Analysis (RCA) process in order to achieve shared learning amongst the multi-disciplinary teams.</p> <p>Due to the high number of community acquired infections, there is a need for additional Infection, Prevention and Control Nurses to support primary care. Improving standards in primary care will reduce hospital admissions and improve population health. The IP&C team are currently reviewing their nursing establishment, role and function in order to understand how this support can best be provided.</p> <p>The Mobile Endoscopy Unit will go live on the 4th July 2022.</p> <p>An increase in Monkeypox has been reported across the UK with a small number of cases reported in Wales. The Infection Prevention and Control Team has supported the Integrated Locality Groups (ILG's) to develop standard operating</p>

	procedures for testing and managing suspected cases. Weekly tactical meetings have been stood down but will be reinstated if there is an increase in cases across Wales.
ASSURE	<p>The IP&C Committee received and noted for assurance the following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Report (April – June 2022) • IPC/Decontamination Risk Register • Covid-19 annual summary report 2021/22 <p>The IP&C Committee received and noted for assurance the following Exception reports:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTE ILG • MC ILG • Bridgend ILG • Health and Safety • Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Housekeeping, Waste Management & Food Safety • Occupational Health • Antimicrobial stewardship in CTMUHB 2021/22
INFORM	<p>Pathogen specific guidance for SARS Co-V has been published which supersedes the pan nation IPC guidance.</p> <p>Monthly face to face IP&C training and Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT) workshops have been arranged to supplement the E-Learning training available. This offers a blended approach to learning and will help improve compliance across the Health Board.</p> <p>Vacancies within the Infection Prevention and Control Team are affecting service provision and the recruitment process has begun to recruit into the vacant posts.</p>
APPENDICES	NOT APPLICABLE