



AGENDA ITEM

5.4

Quality and Safety Committee

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING

15th November 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 18th October 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	<p>The centralised decontamination unit at the Princess of Wales hospital may not be supported by Welsh Government this financial year. The delay in developing a business case may affect JAG accreditation in Endoscopy and decontamination services across the Princess of Wales Hospital site. The operational lead for decontamination is working with service users to develop a contingency plan to replace ageing equipment in Urology/HSDU and upgrade the infrastructure in order to preserve and maintain decontamination services in Bridgend.</p>
ADVISE	<p>Fewer cases of C. difficile infection and E.coli bacteremia have been reported April – September 2022 compared to the same period last year.</p> <p>There has been an increase in cases of S.aureus bacteraemia, Klebsiella and Pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteremia in the same period.</p> <p>Improvement work to reduce preventable infections has been impeded due to a resurgence in COVID cases and vacancies within the infection prevention and control team but this work is high on the IPC agenda.</p> <p>A significant proportion of S.aureus bacteraemia, E.coli and Klebsiella spp. bacteraemia are community acquired infections and additional IPC support is required to introduce targeted interventions in primary care. The Lead IPC Nurse plans to scope primary care to better understand the resource/ support required.</p> <p>COVID continues to cause service disruption across the three acute sites. COVID cases and outbreaks of infection are discussed at the bi-weekly IPC cell meetings. Due to operational pressures and no bed capacity, the IPC advice to close wards is often over ruled following a risk assessment.</p> <p>The patient testing framework for COVID has been revised in line with WG guidance.</p>

	<p>An outbreak of Ebola virus has been declared in Uganda, affecting five districts. The current risk to the UK is low. The IPC team is supporting clinical teams to revisit existing plans/pathways to ensure staff are prepared if the risk to the UK increases.</p> <p>CTM is the highest prescriber of antibiotics in primary care in Wales. Royal Glamorgan Hospital is the highest prescriber of oral and parenteral agents. Concerns have been escalated regarding the shortage of antimicrobial pharmacists in the Health Board. An SBAR has been developed and resource implications will be highlighted to the Diagnostics and Therapies Specialities Care Group.</p>
ASSURE	<p>The IP&C Committee received and noted for assurance the following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Report (April – September 2022) • IPC/Decontamination Risk Register • Covid-19 summary report October 2022 <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 (verbal) • IPC antimicrobial stewardship report October 2022
INFORM	<p>Vacancies within the Infection Prevention and Control Team are affecting service provision, however the team are prioritizing their workload in order to provide cover across a breadth of service. Two substantive IP&C appointments have been made recently.</p>
APPENDICES	NOT APPLICABLE