

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Report
Covering the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

Public Board

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Presented for:	Information
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Previous Committees:	Quality Assurance Committee June 2023, IPC Sub-Committee April 2023

Our Annual Commitments for 2023/24 are:	
Effectively develop and deploy new assets (buildings, equipment, IT)	
Reduce healthcare associated infections	✓
Improve staff retention	
Deliver the financial plan	
Reduce average length of stay by 0.5 days per patient	
Achieve the Access Targets for Patients	
Support a culture of research	

Risk Appetite Framework				
Level 1 Risk	(✓)	Level 2 Risks	(Risk Appetite Scale)	Impact
Workforce Risk		Choose an item.	Choose an item	Choose an item.
Operational Risk		Choose an item.	Choose an item	Choose an item.
Clinical Risk	✓	Choose an item.	Minimal	Moving Towards
Financial Risk		Choose an item.	Choose an item	Choose an item.
External Risk		Choose an item.	Choose an item	Choose an item.

Key points	
1. The IPC Annual Report is provided for information and has been reviewed and assurance received via the Quality Assurance Committee	Information

1. Summary

This report is being presented for information to describe the actions that have been taken to prevent Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) in LTHT for the reporting period April 2022 to end March 2023 and has been reviewed and assurance received by the Quality Assurance Committee.

2. Background

The content of the Annual Report highlights the organisation's progress against both national legislative assurance tools and related infection prevention guidance from other national bodies, provides assurance that the necessary actions have been in place to deliver the IPC Annual Programme and Board Assurance Framework (BAF) which is set against the 10 criteria of the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections, to prevent Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) in LTHT and identifies areas of focus for the financial year 2023-24.

3. Proposal

The Board are asked to receive the IPC Annual Report as information and support the areas of focus for the financial year 2023-24.

4. Financial Implications

Whilst it is recognised that Hospital acquired infection carries both a human and financial cost there are no financial implications arising for this paper.

5. Risk

The Quality Assurance Committee provides assurance oversight of the Trust's most significant risks, which cover the Level 1 risk categories (see summary on front sheet). Following discussion at the Quality Assurance Committee meeting there were no material changes to the risk appetite statements related to the Level 2 risk categories and the Trust continues to operate within the risk appetite for the Level 1 risk categories set by the Board.

6. Communication and Involvement

This report is developed by the Infection Prevention and Control Team. Review, assurance and actions where agreed are undertaken at Trust and CSU level where required and monitored through the various boards and committees outlined above. The report will be made publicly available once approved by the Board.

7. Equality Analysis

This is not a new proposal as such and the paper documents process in line with Public Health England, NHSE and Trust HR guidance.

8. Publication Under Freedom of Information Act

This paper has been made available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

9. Recommendation

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10. Supporting Information

The following papers make up this report:
IPC Annual Report 2022-23

Gillian Hodgson

Deputy Director Infection Prevention and Control

6 July 2023