

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 05/07/2011	Agenda Item No: 8.1	Enclosure: 10
Intended Outcome:		
For noting ✓	For information	For decision
Title of Report: Annual Infection Prevention and Control Report		
Aims: To provide assurance to the Trust Board is complying with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practise for the Prevention and Control of Infections and strategic objectives.		
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <p>The Trust has continued to ensure high standards of infection prevention and control care fundamental to the care of patients within North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust. This paper presents the annual report for infection prevention and control and highlights compliance with strategic option 1; ensure we provide high quality, safe and effective care for all our patients including meeting essential standards of safety and quality as set out by the CQC.</p> <p>The report describes the activities undertaken to ensure compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practise for the Prevention and Control of Infections and related guidance. These actions have been incorporated into the annual programme and in addition the following activities have also been undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a point prevalence audit of health care associated infections (HCAI) across the Trust (Appendix 5). • Introduce emergency screening for Meticillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA). • Improve the diagnosis of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> infections through the introduction of a 2-stage test procedure. • Improve the diagnosis of Norovirus through the use of Norovirus PCR testing. • Update the following Trust policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laundry Policy Decontamination Policy CJD Policy Deceased Person Policy Develop and implement the Norovirus Policy Review and update policies to ensure we have a robust monitoring process. • Management significant winter pressures due to increased numbers of critically ill patients infected with H1N1 (Swine) flu. • Commence surgical site surveillance for patients having Caesarean Section. • Introduce measures to aid detection of patients who may be carrying carbapenem-resistant micro-organisms. • Provide support and advice to the ForWard project team to facilitate ForWard developments within the Trust. 		

- Improve the availability of cleaning staff at West Cumberland Hospital.
- Improved information on HCAI through monthly reports presented to the Governance Committee.

As a consequence we have noted a dramatic improvement in MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* infection rates with:

- A fall in the number of cases of MRSA bacteraemias with two Trust apportioned MRSA bacteraemia cases against the Trust's target of 6.
- A fall in the number of Trust apportioned *Clostridium difficile* infections of 57 apportioned cases against a target of 120.

For 2011-12 there are many remaining challenges which include:

- Improving antibiotic prescribing across the Health Economy.
- Improve surveillance by linking with the IT developments at ward level.
- Commence surveillance of E.coli bacteraemias.
- Continue to embed and develop key performance indicators within the new divisional structure of the Trust.
- Provide support to the new build at West Cumberland Hospital site.
- Implement post discharge surgical site surveillance for Caesarean Section wounds.
- Improve monitoring of cleaning using UV markers.
- Continue to re-enforce the importance of hand hygiene through face to face training.

Overview of key areas for consideration or noting:

The status of the annual programme 2010/ 11
 Agree the annual programme 2011/12
 Note the performance for MRSA and Clostridium difficile

Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:

Ensure we provide high quality, safe and effective care for all our patients including meeting essential standards of safety and quality as set out by the CQC	✓
Develop a viable integrated clinical strategy for secondary care services which is sustainable and affordable	
Develop a new healthcare facility in West Cumbria that is fit for the 21st century	
Achieve sustainable financial balance through the delivery of the Trust's internal Cost Improvement Programme, securing a viable contract income from our GP commissioners and contributing to the system wide cost reductions	
To develop and implement a successful merger or acquisition plan that enables the Trust to become part of an existing NHS Foundation Trust	

Recommendations:

The Trust Board is asked to note the annual report and agree the annual programme for 2011-12.

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