

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 2.1.1

Subject: IPC BAF
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 26th January 2021
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Purpose of Report: To Note

BAF Ref	Impact on BAF
WC1, WC2, AQ1	Provides assurance around the enhanced infection control measures within the Trust following Covid-19 pandemic

1. Executive Summary

The Covid 19 pandemic has led to a review of all IPC measures with strengthening of IPC processes. The monitoring of measures has been significantly intensified to help manage nosocomial out breaks in line with the ten point plan. NHSE has also developed a board assurance framework for IPC. The initial BAF was presented at the May Board of Directors meeting

An updated BAF with additional assurances is attached; there are very few outstanding actions.

The CQC have developed a new emergency support framework and met with the MD/DIPC and DoNQ with a specific focus on the IPC BAF. The IPC BAF was further discussed with CQC and amendments made and clarified by the DoNQ.

2. Background

The Board of Directors receives a quarterly report and regular updates from the infection prevention and control team. This includes information on alert organisms, outbreaks, cleanliness standards and audit information.

The initial peak of the coronavirus pandemic has passed but we are now in the third wave of the virus with a national lockdown in place. Covid 19 virus will remains highly prevalent in the population and the numbers of cases and hospitalisations exceeds the peak in the first lockdown. Two effective vaccines have been developed and are being delivered initially to high risk groups and NHS workers and rolled out to all over fifties by Easter. The resumption of non-covid activity across the hospital is now confined to urgent and emergency patients, cancer and diagnostics with most elective work on hold other than day case work. The meticulous processes in place to keep patients and staff safe and prevent cross infection

continue.

3. Update

The updated BAF will be supported by a verbal update on Covid 19, the six point IPC plan and response to outbreaks.

4. Conclusion

The IPC BAF is being managed proactively. The covid six point plan is complete and further developments added as they occur. The infection prevention team is being strengthened and additional digital systems support is being finalized.

5. Recommendations

The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of the report and the accompanying IPC BAF.