

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 2.1.1

Subject: IPC BAF
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 30th March 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 and a few updates included at subsequent meetings.

There was a significant revision of the IPC BAF in February 2021 with an additional 42 fields to be completed. A fully updated BAF with additional assurances is attached with updates highlighted in yellow; there are very few outstanding actions.

The CQC have developed a new emergency support framework for IPC.

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 third peak of the coronavirus pandemic has eased considerably with a national lockdown in place and excellent progress of the vaccination program. Covid 19 virus will remains prevalent in the population but the numbers of cases and hospitalisations has fallen significantly. The vaccination program is on track to immunise all the over fifties by the end of April. The focus of hospitals is the resumption of normal activity. 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.

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.