

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 2.1

Subject: IPC BAF
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 24th November 2020
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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 moving forward into the recovery period. 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 will be meeting with the MD/DIPC and DoN with a specific focus on the IPC BAF. The IPC BAF was reviewed with CQC and no specific issues raised

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 the Covid 19 virus will remain prevalent in the population until such time an effective vaccine has been developed and delivered. With the gradual resumption of non-covid activity across the hospital there need to be meticulous processes in place to keep patients and staff safe and prevent cross infection. New processes for segregation, cleaning, testing and PPE are being developed.

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 making good progress. The infection prevention team is being strengthened and additional digital systems support is being finalized.

5. Recommendations

The Board of Directors are asked to note the contents of the report and the accompanying documentation and information.