

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 2.2

Subject: Infection Prevention Annual Report 2016/17
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1.1,1.2	None

1. Executive Summary

The Health and Social Care Act (2008) states that the Trust has a responsibility to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to protect patients, staff and visitors against the risk of acquiring a healthcare associated infection. There is also a requirement to produce an annual report on Trust activities, in relation to infection prevention and to make this available to the public.

This paper presents the annual report on Infection Prevention for 2016/17 and also the forward plan for 2017/18. The report provides oversight and assurance to the Board on the arrangements in place for the prevention of healthcare associated infections in the Trust and details progress made against the previous annual plan.

2. Background

Good infection prevention, including cleanliness, is essential to ensure that people who use health care services receive safe and effective care. In order to ensure that high standards of infection prevention are maintained good management and organisational processes are crucial.

These organisational processes and assurances include programmes to monitor and report on; surveillance of specific infections, cleanliness, antimicrobial stewardship and water safety, in addition to an audit programme to ensure the implementation of relevant policies.

This annual report provides details of work undertaken as part of these programmes and work to be continued over the next year.

3. Recommendations

The Board is asked to review this annual report, agree to its publication on the Trust website and request regular reports on progress against the forward plan and audit programme for 2017/18.