

Board of Directors (in Private)

Item 2.1

Subject: Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework (BAF)
Date of Meeting: May 2024
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Purpose of Report: For Noting

BAF Reference	Impact on BAF
BAF 1	Potential impact on nosocomial infection

Level of assurance					
✓	Acceptable assurance Controls are suitably designed, with evidence of them being consistently applied and effective in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial assurance Controls are still maturing – evidence shows that further action is required to improve their effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low assurance Evidence indicates poor effectiveness of controls

1. Executive Summary:

This report and attached document details the evidence and level of compliance with the standards identified in the Board assurance framework (BAF) for infection prevention and control. The overall level of compliance is good.

All standards in the BAF will be included in the annual plan for 2024/25 to ensure that evidence will be available to demonstrate compliance on an ongoing basis .

2. Background:

The BAF for Infection prevention and control was developed by NHS England in 2020 for use by organisations to enable them to respond using an evidence based approach to maintain the safety of patients, staff and service

users. The framework is not compulsory but NHS England advise it should be used to ensure compliance with infection prevention and control standards and as an improvement tool.

There have been various revisions of the BAF. The latest version was issued in September 2023 and was reviewed at that time by the Infection Prevention team (IPT).

It has been reviewed by the IPT again in April 2024 and updated accordingly.

3. Report

BAF file with compliance ratings attached.

4. Conclusion:

The IPC BAF is being managed proactively and the relevant standards will be included in the annual programme for 2024/25. There is good compliance with the majority of the standards and where any areas of non-compliance have been recognised actions to address these have been identified. Some actions remain beyond the control of the IPT but these issues have been highlighted to the appropriate departments.

5. Recommendation:

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