

NHS GRAMPIAN

Infection Prevention and Control

1. Actions Recommended

The Board is asked to:

- Consider the Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting Template (HAIRT) quarterly report;
- Acknowledge the summary of the COVID outbreaks and the learning from these during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Agree the reporting of HAI and the HAIRT as part of the quarterly Clinical Governance Committee reporting to the Board;
- Support the reporting of the Incident Management Teams on Datix to ensure action and shared learning;

2. Strategic Context

Throughout the COVID Pandemic, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) activity relating to Healthcare Acquired Infection (HAI) has continued, and of course has been amplified. IPC has attended the weekly Clinical Risk Management (CRM) meeting each Monday and any HAI issues of concern have been escalated to the Systems Leadership Team (SLT) from CRM as part of the Silver Command structure.

As is normal governance reporting routes the NHS Grampian HAI Executive Group met on the 15.01.2020 to discuss the HAIRT report and this was subsequently shared at the quarterly Clinical Governance Committee (CGC) on 21.02.2020. Under the revised governance arrangements approved by the Board the Clinical Governance Committee met four times between April and August 2020 and focused on the key matters in relation to clinical governance relevant to the Board's response during the period of the COVID-19 mobilisation plan.

The IPC has attended and submitted information to CGC at each of these meetings including the HAIRT report included as part of this paper at the CGC meeting held on 20.08.2020.

3. Key matters relevant to recommendation

It should be noted that the NHSG HAI Executive Group were unable to meet between March-June 2020 due to the work required to support the system with COVID-19, and as a result of the revised Governance arrangements which were in place, the HAIRT reported included as part of this paper is the validated data up to the end of February 2020. The HAI Exec Group has resumed meeting on the 15.07.2020 and the validated data for the further two HAIRT reports will be updated and shared both with the CGC and the Board at the next meeting.

In line with the agreed Board governance arrangements the next meeting of the CGC will be 13.11.2020. It is proposed that the report from CGC to the Board meeting in December include the HAIRT report and any subsequent HAI information as standard.

4. Risk Mitigation

The significantly increased number of Incident Management Team (IMT) meetings which have been required to address COVID-19 in NHS Grampian has led to the proposal to record IMTs on Datix which will support tracking of actions, allow the identification of themes and sharing lessons learned cross system. This has been tested during COVID-19 and is now in the process of being implemented. Learning from this process will be shared with the Board.

5. Responsible System Leadership Team Member and contacts for further information

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