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Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report 2020-2021				
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Approval/Scrutiny route:	Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood, Executive Director, Quality, Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Business Executive Team received this report for information on 8/6/21			
Purpose				
The Committee are asked to approve the corporate Infection Prevention and Control Annual report for 2020-2021				
Recommendation:				
APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	Assurance <input type="checkbox"/>
The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to: ❖ Consider and Approve the Public Health Wales Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report for 2020/21.				

Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities.

This report contributes to all strategic priorities.

Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An Equality and Health Impact Assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
Risk and Assurance	N/A
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Governance, Leadership and Accountability Person Centred Care Theme 6 - Individual Care
Financial implications	N/A
People implications	N/A

1. Purpose/Situation

The paper provides the Committee with the corporate Infection Prevention and Control Annual report for 2020/21

This report covers the period from 1st of April 2020 to the 31st of March 2021. The lead Nurse Infection Prevention and Control joined the corporate team in June 2020 and has, since this period been offering specialist Infection prevention and control input into the organisational response to COVID-19 (including the internal delivery of the COVID 19 vaccine).

2. Background

Public Health Wales have a responsibility to comply with the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections 2014 (the 'Code'). A requirement of the Code is for the Board to receive an annual Infection Prevention Control report.

The annual report seeks to provide the Board (through the Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee) with assurance that the organisation is meeting its statutory requirements in relation to the management of infection prevention and control.

3. Assessment

Public Health Wales is committed to ensuring that robust infection prevention and control arrangements are in place within the organisation. Our aim is to ensure that all steps are taken to minimise the spread of infection, and advice is given on appropriate intervention which needs to be made in order to reduce and mitigate risks to service users.

Responding to the challenges of a global pandemic and safe delivery of staff vaccinations has impacted on the routine Infection Prevention and Control work programme ongoing work within Public Health.

The key achievements for 2020/21 were:

- ❖ 62.7% uptake of flu within front facing staff.
- ❖ Introduction of the internal COVID 19 vaccination programme in January 2021.
- ❖ Reactivation of screening programmes ensuring Infection prevention and control measures are in place to ensure safety of service users and staff.
- ❖ Working in partnership with health and safety ensuring the workplace is COVID 19 safe.
- ❖ Update of infection prevention and control policies.

Moving forward into 2021-2022 we will continue with the key priorities:

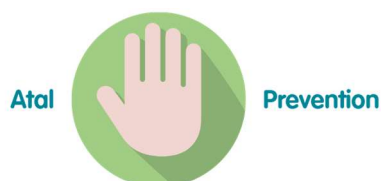
- ❖ Develop key performance indicators for the organisations dashboard.
- ❖ Continue with the coordination of the internal COVID 19 and Flu vaccination programme.
- ❖ Review the internal audit process for infection prevention and control.
- ❖ Provide on-going advice to public Health Wales's staff in relation to COVID 19.
- ❖ Facilitate the implementation of Aseptic Non Touch Technique within Breast Test Wales.

3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The report contributes to Goal 3 "Support the NHS to deliver high quality, equitable and sustainable services". The below information follows the five ways of working, as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act, in the following ways:



The annual report seeks to provide the Board and relevant Board Committees with assurance that the organisation is meeting its responsibilities in relation to the management of infection prevention and control.



Where possible Public Health Wales seeks to prevent the occurrence of concerns by taking a proactive approach to the reporting and management of infection risk to ensure safe services are provided to the users of our services.



The Infection Prevention and Control Annual report impacts a number of the wellbeing goals, including "A Resilient Wales" and "A More Equal Wales".



Public Health Wales is committed to dealing with incidents where there is risk of infection in an open, accessible and fair manner. The report offers insight into how various teams are working together with Public Health Wales NHS Trust to provide the best outcomes.



This annual report is an important aspect of the organisation's governance arrangements, and, as such, helps the organisation to improve the quality and safeguard the high standards of the services provided by Public Health Wales

4. Recommendation

The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Consider and Approve** the Public Health Wales Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report for 2020/21.