

 <p>Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales</p>	<p><b>Name of Meeting</b> Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee</p> <p><b>Date of Meeting</b> 18 May 2022</p> <p><b>Agenda item:</b> 5.1a</p>
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## Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report 2021-2022

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<b>Purpose</b>
The purpose of this annual report is to provide assurance on organisational arrangements for corporate Infection, prevention and control.

<b>Recommendation:</b>				
APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	Assurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <p>❖ <b>approve</b> and take <b>assurance</b> from the corporate Infection Prevention and Control Annual report.</p>				

**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**

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

## **1. Purpose/Situation**

This paper presents the Committee with the corporate Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) Annual report for 2021/22.

This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The lead Nurse Infection Prevention and Control joined the corporate team in November 2021 following a short vacancy gap between post holders.

For the time period that this report covers, the COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing, advice from the Welsh Government in regard to testing and IP&C practices was ever evolving during this time period and was pivotal to informing best practice and has had an impact on the IP&C work plan.

## **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 Business Executive Team and 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.

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the annual infection prevention and control work plan, there has been some progress made with non-pandemic related work in Q4. This was aided by local Health Boards taking up the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme part way through the vaccine roll out to staff and the newly appointed Lead Nurse for Infection Prevention and Control commencing in post in November following a break in cover.

### **The key achievements for 2021/22 were:**

- ❖ The delivery of the internal influenza vaccine campaign to staff
- ❖ Maintaining safe environments for service users and staff to facilitate screening programmes through the ongoing pandemic.

- ❖ Working in partnership with health and safety ensuring the workplace is COVID 19 safe.
- ❖ Engaging with key strategic meetings nationally regarding IPC, Influenza, COVID19, workforce education and other IPC priority areas.
- ❖ Establishment of the cold chain procedure.
- ❖ Review of the decontamination policy and procedure
- ❖ Review of moving from pandemic to endemic and re-adoption of standard IPC guidance, SBAR submitted
- ❖ Ensuring monthly hand hygiene audit compliance for screening teams to provide assurance; further supported by the purchase of hand hygiene training kits for screening teams.
- ❖ Continued profiling of IPC E-learning. Level 1-89.25%, Level 2- 74.76% and Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT)- 76.29%.
- ❖ Engagement with key stakeholders in Bowel Screening Wales (BSW) to ensure the quality of commissioned services.
- ❖ Continued development of a dashboard to capture and analyse key performance indicators for IPC from audit results.
- ❖ Engagement in clinical governance to inform quality improvement (Needle stick injury (NSI) project)

### **Moving forward into 2022-2023 the key priorities will be:**

- ❖ Continue with the coordination of the internal influenza vaccination programme and increasing uptake
- ❖ Align and embed practice in screening programmes as advised from 'Together for a safe future: Wales' long-term Covid-19 transition from pandemic to endemic'
- ❖ Support the gradual transition back to office working in a covid stable scenario in conjunction with the health and safety teams
- ❖ Facilitate the implementation of ANTT assessors within Breast Test Wales with support and collaboration with other stakeholders.
- ❖ Continue to liaise with key stakeholders in commissioned services in Bowel Screening Wales to ensure high quality services.
- ❖ Work with the clinical governance team to establish a dashboard for capturing key performance indicator data to provide assurance and drive improvement.
- ❖ The use of hand hygiene kits for training and audit validation.
- ❖ Engage with frontline staff to encourage the undertaking of IP&C education to inform practise e.g. Bangor University IP&C training modules.

### 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 Committee is asked to:

- ❖ take **assurance** from the corporate Infection Prevention and Control Annual report.