

Shetland NHS Board

Meeting:	Shetland NHS Board		
Paper Title:	Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Report		
Date:	15 th December 2020		
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Decision / Action required by meeting:			
<p>The Board is asked to receive the attached HAI report and note the Board's position and performance in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clostridium Difficile • Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemias • E Coli Bacteraemias • Hand Hygiene compliance • Monitoring of cleaning services 			
High Level Summary:			
Key Healthcare Associated Infection Headlines September and October 2020			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Shetland had one case of Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia in September 2020 • NHS Shetland had one case of Clostridioides Difficile Infection in September 2020 • NHS Shetland had no cases of E Coli Bacteraemia in September and October 2020 • NHS Shetland had no cases of Klebsiella or Pseudomonas Bacteraemia in September and October 2020 • Hand Hygiene audit compliance figures for July to September 2020 was 97.9% • Cleaning standards compliance for the Board for July to September 2020 was 96.6% • Estates standards compliance for the Board for July to September 2020 was 99.6% 			
Key Issues for attention of meeting:			
Noting the good performance as shown in the report.			
Corporate Priorities and Strategic Aims:			
The HAI governance arrangements are most closely aligned to our corporate objectives to improve and protect the health of the people of Shetland and to provide high quality, effective and safe services.			
Implications : <i>Identify any issues or aspects of the report that have implications under the following headings</i>			
Service Users, Patients and Communities:	The HAI agenda focuses on reducing avoidable patient harm. Reporting HAI performance is part of the clinical governance arrangements for the Board.		
Human Resources and Organisational Development:	Training in infection control and outbreak management is a key priority in our HAI governance arrangements.		

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights:	EQIA is not required.	
Partnership Working	HAI governance arrangements apply in all NHS settings.	
Legal:	The HAI governance arrangements are underpinned by the national Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPS)	
Finance:	HAI governance arrangements are part of the standard budgeting process and are funding via our general financial allocation.	
Assets and Property:	Nil	
Environmental:	A Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment is required or has been completed.	
Risk Management:	The HAI agenda focuses on reducing risks associated with the spread of infection (in the environment and through Public Health measures). The adverse event policy also applies to HAI related events.	
Policy and Delegated Authority:	Delegated authority for the governance arrangements that underpin HAI and public health measures sit with the Control of Infection Committee (which reports to the) Clinical, Care and Professional Governance Committee	
Previously considered by:	Infection Control Committee Infection Control Team	25/11/2020 01/12/2020
“Exempt / private” item	<i>Public document</i>	

NHS Shetland

Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting Template (HAIRT)

Improved collaboration with the other UK nations has made comparisons and standardisation across the UK a high priority for all four nations' governments/health departments. The changes introduced in the Scottish HAI surveillance, described within this report facilitate benchmarking of the Scottish data against those of the rest of the UK.

Revisions to the surveillance

Description of Revision	Report section(s) revision applies to	Rational for revision
Addition of healthcare/community case assignment	Clostridioides Difficile Infection/ Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia (CDI/SAB)	An increasing awareness of those infections occurring in community settings has warranted measurement of incidence rates by healthcare setting (healthcare settings vs. community settings) to enable interventions to be targeted to the relevant settings.
Use of standardised denominator data for Clostridioides Difficile Infection/ Escherichia Coli Bacteraemia/ Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia (CDI/ECB/SAB)	CDI/SAB	The 'total occupied bed days' data will be extracted from the ISD(S)1 data collection which contains aggregated information on acute and non-acute bed days including geriatric medicine and long-term stays in real-time. The standardisation of denominator data across the three surveillance programmes could result in slightly less accurate denominators due to inclusion of persons in the denominator who are at slightly less risk of infection. However, in surveillance programmes developed for the purpose of preventing infection and driving quality improvement in care, consistency of the denominators over time tend to be more important than getting a very precise estimate of the population at risk, as the primary aim is to reduce infection to a lower incidence relative to what it was at the initial time of benchmarking.
Reporting of CDI cases aged 15 years and above only	CDI	Current Scottish Government Local Delivery Plan Standards are based on the incidence rate in cases aged 15 years and above, therefore the report has been aligned to reflect this. HPS will continue to monitor CDI incidence rates in the separate age groups (15-64 years and 65 years and above) internally.
Reporting of total SAB cases only (i.e. Removal of MRSA sub-analysis)	SAB	MRSA numbers are becoming too small to carry out statistical analysis. HPS will continue to monitor internally.

Full details of the report methods and caveats can be found here – <http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/pubs/detail.aspx?id=3340>

Section 1 – Board Wide Issues

Key Healthcare Associated Infection Headlines

September to October 2020

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Staphylococcus Aureus (including MRSA)

Staphylococcus aureus is an organism which is responsible for a large number of healthcare associated infections, although it can also cause infections in people who have not had any recent contact with the healthcare system. The most common form of this is Meticillin Sensitive *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MSSA), but the more well known is MRSA (Meticillin Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*), which is a specific type of the organism which is resistant to certain antibiotics and is therefore more difficult to treat. More information on these organisms can be found at:

Staphylococcus aureus :

http://www.nhs24.com/content/default.asp?page=s5_4&articleID=346

MRSA: http://www.nhs24.com/content/default.asp?page=s5_4&articleID=252

Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia (SAB) include bacteraemia (blood infections) caused by both Meticillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and Meticillin Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA). NHS Boards will now report the total of SAB cases rather than reporting these as individual cases of MRSA and MSSA.

The denominator for Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) SAB's has been changed to cases per 100,000 Total Occupied Bed Days (TOBD) and for Community Associated (CA) SAB's, cases per 100,000 of the population.

Nationally full surveillance of cases has paused during the COVID pandemic and is limited to the classification of cases as either HCAI or CA. This is still the current position.

The tables on Page 9 and 10 represent the incidence of SABs within NHS Shetland on a monthly basis. There was one case in September 2020 which was HCAI. There have been six cases in the last twelve months.

The latest quarterly update from HPS on the SAB rate is for **April to June 2020**. There were two cases in this quarter which were HCAI giving a rate of 125.7 /100,000 TOBD. In

the last twelve months there have been three cases which were HCAI and three cases which were CA.

Clostridioides difficile

Clostridioides difficile is an organism which is responsible for a large number of healthcare associated infections, although it can also cause infections in people who have not had any recent contact with the healthcare system. More information can be found at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Clostridium-difficile/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Clostridium difficile infection is now known as Clostridioides Difficile Infection (CDI)

The denominator for HCAI CDI has been changed to cases per 100,000 TOBD and for CA CDI, cases per 100,000 of the population. The incidence of CDI is monitored at a national level through laboratory reporting and also at a local level through reporting of both clinically 'suspected' cases and laboratory reports.

The tables on Page 9 and 10 show the trends in CDI in NHS Shetland. There was one case reported in September 2020 which was CA. There have been five cases of CDI in the last 12 months. Continued surveillance, prevention and management of CDI are ongoing with **good antimicrobial stewardship** continuing to be a key factor.

National figures are produced by HPS on a quarterly basis. The latest quarterly update from HPS is for **April to June 2020**. There were no cases in this quarter. In the last twelve months there have been four HCAI cases and no CA cases.

Enhanced National Light Surveillance of *E. Coli* Bacteraemia

E. coli bacteraemia is an emerging threat. *E. coli* is one of the most frequently isolated organisms associated with Gram negative bacteraemia and these have increased continuously since 2009 in Scotland with a burden of infection now larger than that caused by CDI and SAB. The incidence rates are higher in Scotland than in the rest of the UK.

Several researchers have suggested that *E. coli* bacteraemia is not adequately controlled using current infection prevention and control strategies. It is crucially important to address the risks associated with primary *E. coli* infections occurring in both hospital and community settings.

Cases are broken down into two different categories – Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) per 100,000 TOBD and Community Acquired Infections (CA) presented at an annualised rate per 100,000 for the board population. There were no cases in September and October 2020. There have been eleven cases in the previous twelve months.

The latest quarterly update from HPS is for **April to June 2020**. For this quarter there were two cases which were CA giving a rate of 35.1/100,000 of the population. In the last twelve months there have been six cases for HCAI and nine cases for CA Infections.

Surveillance for two additional groups of Bacteraemias have been added from June 2020 as part of a pilot project by HPS, these are for Klebsiella and Pseudomonas.

There were no cases of Klebsiella or Pseudomonas Bacteraemia in September and October 2020.

Surgical Site Infections (SSIs)

Surgical site infection (SSI) is one of the most common healthcare associated infections (HAI), estimated to account for 18.6% of inpatient HAI within NHSScotland. Excess morbidity and mortality arise from these SSIs and are estimated on average to double the cost of treatment, mainly due to the resultant increase in length of stay. These infections have serious consequences for patients as they can result in pain, suffering and in some cases require additional surgical intervention. SSI rates are an important surgical outcome measure and the two key aims of SSI surveillance are to provide participating hospitals with robust SSI rates for comparison and to use this data to improve the quality of patient care. Evidence suggests that actively feeding back data to clinicians contributes to reductions in rates of infection and that SSI is the most preventable of all HAI.

Nationally Surgical Site Surveillance was stopped during the COVID pandemic and has not yet been restarted.

Hand Hygiene

Good hand hygiene by staff, patients and visitors is a key way to prevent the spread of infections. More information on the importance of good hand hygiene can be found at:

<http://www.washyourhandsofthem.com/>

Audits are now undertaken on a quarterly basis to monitor compliance with hand hygiene opportunities. Audits have been reduced to a quarterly basis due to the continued high levels of compliance achieved locally. If however compliance levels for hand hygiene fall, monthly audits will be reinstated immediately. The table on Page 9 shows local compliance with hand hygiene opportunities as monitored through audits for different staff groups. Compliance levels were 97.9% for **July to September 2020**. NHS Shetland has generally demonstrated good compliance over the last year. In line with the Cabinet Secretary's approach to hand hygiene, we have adopted zero tolerance to poor hand hygiene, so every occasion when a member of staff fails to comply is dealt with immediately and additional training continues to be offered as necessary.

Cleaning and the Healthcare Environment

Keeping the healthcare environment clean is essential to prevent the spread of infections. NHS Boards monitor the cleanliness of hospitals and there is a national target to maintain compliance with standards above 90%. The cleaning compliance score for the Board can be found at the end of section 1 and for each hospital in section 2.

Healthcare environment standards are also independently inspected by the Healthcare Environment Inspectorate. More details can be found at:

<http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/6710.140.1366.html>

Compliance with the national cleaning services specification is monitored at a local level and reported nationally on a quarterly basis. The tables on Page 9 and 10 show compliance for the local audits for 2018 - 2020. The latest compliance data for the Board with the

Cleaning Services Standards is for the quarter from **July to September 2020** and was 96.6%. The latest compliance data for the Board for Estates Monitoring Standards is for **July to September 2020** and was 99.6%.

Outbreaks

A member of staff who works in the Gilbert Bain Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 in October 2020. Subsequent extended staff screening identified one further positive staff case. A Problem Assessment Group (PAG) meeting and an Incident Management Team (IMT) meeting were held. These meetings identified the need for a number of staff contacts to self-isolate. All additional agreed actions were quickly implemented and there have been no further associated cases. As there were no identified PPE breaches in relation to national guidance for infection prevention and control by staff during this period, the risk of transmission to patients was assessed as extremely low so additional screening was not necessary.

Other HAI Related Activity

In this reporting period the ICT has:

- Supported the implementation of clear pathways in NHS Shetland to safely and effectively manage the provision of healthcare services during the COVID pandemic
- Continued to monitor performance against current HAI standards on the wards
- Continued to provide educational sessions for all NHS Shetland staff especially about Covid and the management of Personal Protective Equipment
- Continued screening and reporting on the audit programme for MRSA and Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)
- Continued to update Infection Prevention and Control policies, procedures and guidelines especially in relation to the COVID pandemic
- Continued to monitor compliance with the Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) bundle across the Gilbert Bain Hospital and to work on the improvement project related to this
- Continued to monitor and assure compliance to national cleaning specifications
- Continued to raise awareness of other seasonal illnesses such as Norovirus and Influenza
- Supported care assurance visits and provided advice and support to all Care Homes
- Provided support to all departments to aid the remobilization of services
- Worked with the Estates Team to ensure that bed spacing compliance standards are implemented in the Hospital
- Submitted a business case to Scottish Government setting out the resources required to support the care sector and other non-Hospital environments such as health centres, with a sustainable ICT input.

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Section 2 – Healthcare Associated Infection Report Cards

The following section is a series of 'Report Cards' that provide information on the number of cases of *Staphylococcus aureus* blood stream infections, *Clostridioides difficile* infections and *E. Coli Bacteraemias* as well as hand hygiene and cleaning compliance broken down by month. The information in the report cards is provisional local data, and may differ from the national surveillance reports carried out by Health Protection Scotland and Health Facilities Scotland. The national reports are official statistics which undergo rigorous validation, which means final national figures may differ from those reported here. However, these reports aim to provide more detailed and up to date information on HAI activities at local level than is possible to provide through the national statistics.

Targets

There are national targets associated with reductions in C.diff and SABs. More information on these can be found on the Scotland Performs website:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/Performance/scotPerforms/partnerstories/NHSScotlandperformance>

Understanding the Report Cards – Hand Hygiene Compliance

Hospitals carry out regular audits of how well their staff are complying with hand hygiene. Each hospital report card presents the combined percentage of hand hygiene compliance with both opportunity taken and technique used broken down by staff group.

Understanding the Report Cards – Cleaning Compliance

Hospitals strive to keep the care environment as clean as possible. This is monitored through cleaning and estates compliance audits.

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Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia monthly case numbers

	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020
HCAI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
CA	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

Clostridioides difficile infection monthly case numbers

	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020
HCAI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0

E Coli bacteraemia monthly case numbers

	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020
HCAI	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
CA	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0

Hand Hygiene Monitoring Compliance (%)

	Oct – Dec 18	Jan – Mar 19	Apr – Jun 19	Jul – Sept 19	Oct – Dec 19	Jan – Mar 20	Apr – Jun 20	Jul – Sept 20
AHP	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ancillary	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.4	100.0	100.0
Medical	96.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.6	96.8	100.0	96.7
Nurse	99.2	100.0	99.1	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.4
Board Total	99.2	100.0	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.1	100.0	97.9

Cleaning Compliance (%)

	Oct – Dec 18	Jan – Mar 19	Apr – Jun 19	Jul – Sept 19	Oct – Dec 19	Jan – Mar 20	Apr – Jun 20	Jul – Sept 20
Board Total	97.9	98.3	97.3	97.5	98.3	98.1	98.3	96.6

Estates Monitoring Compliance (%)

	Oct – Dec 18	Jan – Mar 19	Apr – Jun 19	Jul – Sept 19	Oct – Dec 19	Jan – Mar 20	Apr – Jun 20	Jul – Sept 20
Board Total	99.2	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.6

GILBERT BAIN HOSPITAL REPORT CARD

Cleaning Compliance (%)

	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020
GBH Total	98.5	98.7	98.4	99.6	98.2	97.4	98.7	99.2	98.0	98.2	97.0	98.5

Estates Monitoring Compliance (%)

	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020
GBH Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	99.9	N/A	99.2	99.7	N/A

Note: N/A = No rectifications reported.