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Public Board Meeting

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Item 11

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PERSON CENTRED CARE UPDATE

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Action required	The Board is asked to discuss and note this report.
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the IPC Programme of Work for 2023/2024 (Page 3). • Change from RIVO to Evotix (Page 3). • Transmission based precautions consultation review is continuing (Page 3-4). • Compliance with the Peripheral Venous Catheter (PVC) bundle remains above the target of 95% (Page 4). • Infection Prevention and Control Service update (Page 4).
Timing	This report is bimonthly.
Associated Corporate Risk Identification	Risk ID 4636—Health and well-being of staff
Link to Corporate Ambitions	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work collaboratively with citizens and our partners to create healthier and safer communities • innovate to continually improve our care and enhance the resilience and sustainability of our services
Link to NHS Scotland’s quality ambitions	The work and information cited in this report supports the Service in its contribution to safe and effective care.
Benefit to patients	Safe clinical practices, a clean environment and patient-care equipment, protect patients from the risk of HAI.
Climate Change Impact Identification	This paper has identified no impacts on climate change.

Equality and diversity	HAI policies are based on NHS Scotland HAI policy and guidance and apply to all staff and patient groups. ARHAI and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) conduct equality-impact assessments on all HAI national guidance, policy, and standards. The reported hand hygiene, SICPs and cleanliness audit results are a mandatory HAI requirement related to national policy and guidance.
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Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Report

Infection Prevention and Control Programme of Work

The Scottish Ambulance Service's Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Programme of Work for 2023/2024 was developed on behalf of the Service's Infection Control Committee (ICC). The Infection Prevention and Control Programme exists to co-ordinate and monitor the work of the Infection Control Committee (ICC) and IPC team in preventing and controlling infection through effective communication, education, audit, surveillance, risk assessment, quality improvement and development of policies and procedures. The IPC Team's responsibility is to develop and facilitate implementation of the programme, infection prevention and control clearly does not rest solely within the domains of our Infection Control Committees and Teams. Everyone has infection prevention and control responsibilities.

The IPC programme of work for 2024/2025 was presented for approval to Clinical Governance Committee on 13 May 2024. Prior to this it had been circulated for comment and approval to the ICC members and Senior Leadership Team. The IPC Annual Report for 2023/2024 was approved at this meeting as was the role and remit of the ICC.

The Head of Infection Prevention and Control is undertaking a scoping exercise to ascertain the progress of items which target dates are imminent.

Review of Policies/Guidance

The IPC department endeavoured to contribute to and facilitate the delivery of safe, effective care by providing and updating robust policies, guidance, and processes to prevent and control healthcare associated infection and communicable diseases.

All IPC policies and guidance are found on @SAS and JRCALC. The IPC team will continue to consult with national organisations regarding changes to the national IPC manual and will inform those organisations and the ICC when making necessary changes. All IPC policies will be reviewed every 3 years unless new information or guidance emerges.

Programme of Audit

The National Cleaning Services Specification (NCSS) is mandatory, and IPC audits of stations and vehicles remain a priority as reflected in the Programme of Work 2023/2024 and will continue to the programme of 2024/2025. Monitoring the audits and adhering to the NCSS is a fundamental element and priority of the IPC work programme, and we continue with this and strive to maintain our target of 90%.

The RIVO audit system (IPC audit of ambulance vehicles and stations) has now closed and will be replaced with Evotix. This system aligns to the frequency of Health & Safety audits; if there a non-compliance audit frequency will be increased until the agreed standard has been reached.

Transmission-Based Precautions Consultations

The Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) team have undertaken a literature review of transmission-based precautions (TBPs) within Chapter 2 of the national IPC manual. Phases 1 and phase 2 of the consultation has taken place.

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SAS is represented at these meetings. There has been no further update from ARHAI.

HAI and the Built Environment

The Head of the IPC team (past and present) and the Infection Control Doctor will continue to contribute to the project of ensuring that future aircraft design meets the IPC requirements based on airborne, droplet and contact routes of transmission and compliance with the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual.

ARHAI and NHS Assure have agreed to support SAS's request for review of the current ambulance design for patients with high consequence infectious disease. Engineering specialists for NHS Assure will support this project.

Peripheral Venous Catheter Insertion Bundle

Compliance with the PVC bundle remains above the target of 95%, March 96.9% April 96.6% and May 96.9%.

Infection Prevention and Control Service update

The Head of Infection Prevention and Control took up post 01 July 2024. It is anticipated that recruitment to the substantive post of Lead Infection prevention and Control Practitioner will commence early August.

Conclusion

The main components of the IPC programme and other projects continue to support the Service in preventing and reducing the risk of infection and providing safe and effective care to our patients and staff.

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