

ITEM: 9

**MEETING:** Trust Board 19 September 2007

**TITLE:** Clinical Governance Report

**SUMMARY:** This report summarises progress against the key aspects of clinical governance that were considered by the July meeting of the Clinical Governance Steering Committee:  
Infection control (see separate Board report)  
Blood transfusion  
Medical devices

The August meeting was cancelled due to the number of people who were on leave.

**ACTION:** For information

**REPORT FROM:** Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

<b>Financial Validation</b> Lead: Director of Finance	Not applicable
<b>Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance</b> Lead: All directors	NHS Plan; CNST risk management standards
<b>Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards</b> Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	<b>Reference:</b> C1, C4b, C5, D2, C7c, D4,
<b>Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE)</b> Lead: Director of Finance	<b>Reference:</b> Not applicable
<b>Compliance with requirements of FT application and monitoring regime</b> Lead: Director of Strategy & Performance	<b>Reference:</b>

## **1. Medical Devices**

Dr Tim Blackburn, Consultant Anaesthetist, has taken over as chair of the medical devices Group, which meets every month. The group reviews all clinical incidents involving medical devices, medical devices alerts, and approves Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) for all new equipment.

Recent PIDs approved include: camera and light stack for laparoscopies in theatres; arthroscopy stack and instruments; bariatric operating table; ophthalmic laser; naso-endoscope for speech and language therapy department. In addition, the group is working with others in the hospital to begin a trial of safety cannula, which do not have needles to insert them, in theatres, to assess their contribution to reducing needlestick injuries.

The group's priorities over the next months are to review and update their terms of reference, and to establish a protocol for trialling equipment within the Trust.

## **2. Blood Transfusion**

Attached at Appendix A is the update on progress against implementing the recommendations from the 2005 Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) annual report, which is the latest to have been published. Considerable progress has been made on many recommendations, and they are all likely to be achieved.

Appendix B is the transfusion practitioner's annual report for 2006/7. the report demonstrates continuous effort to improve blood transfusion practice throughout the Trust, and there have been fewer transfusion incidents reported than in the previous year.