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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 18 June 2008

Title: Infection Control Update

Executive Summary: This report contains a summary of recent performance against the key infection control indicators. Performance against the two national targets for reducing MRSA bacteraemia and *Clostridium difficile* infections is attached. MRSA bacteraemia are significantly above trajectory; there were two cases in May, and one already reported for June, taking the year to date total to 7 against a target of 3.

Clostridium difficile is currently below trajectory for 2008/9. There have been no new reported cases in the hospital for the past two weeks.

Progress against hand hygiene compliance is included for information. Hand hygiene compliance improved in June to 90% overall across the trust.

The Healthcare Commission report on the Hygiene Code inspection undertaken on 11 February has now been received. There are two recommendations to be addressed; work is underway to resolve both of the issues raised.

Action: For information

Report from: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development / Acting Director of Infection Prevention & Control

Financial Validation

Lead: Director of Finance

Not applicable

Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance

Lead: All directors

Reference:

Saving Lives
national MRSA & C. difficile target reduction
Health Act 2006 Hygiene Code

Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards

Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Reference:

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Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference:
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Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime Lead: All directors	Compliance framework reference:
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1. Infection control performance

Attached is the summary report data on MRSA bacteraemia and *Clostridium difficile* infections, as at 6 June 2008 (Appendix A). There have been two MRSA bacteraemia for May 2008: one patient on Montuschi Ward (medical), who had been in hospital for eight days; the second patient was diagnosed on admission, and Haringey PCT have been alerted. A further case has already been reported for June; this was a patient in ITU, who had been in hospital for several weeks.

This takes the 2008/9 total to 7, against a full year maximum target of 12. The MRSA bacteraemia three month rolling total is, however, slowly reducing from the peak in April, as is the 12 month rolling total. All trusts are still required to report MRSA bacteraemia numbers weekly to NHS London.

Clostridium difficile infections are below trajectory for the year so far. These figures continue to be monitored weekly by the executive team. London as a whole saw a 14% reduction in *Clostridium difficile* infections in the last year.

2. Hand hygiene

The visible leadership programme continues to focus on infection control. Hand hygiene audits have continued to be done monthly; the June data has shown an improvement on the May position. June hand hygiene compliance was 90% (Appendix B).

3. Environment and cleaning

Monthly ward environment and cleaning audits were again repeated in April using the NHS national cleaning standards (Appendix C); unfortunately, there were not sufficient staff available on the visible leadership team to undertake the audits fully in May. The audits are next due to be completed on 16 June.

Only one area scored red in April; Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The unit is currently undergoing a refurbishment, but has not been able to move out of the ward while this is done. Additional cleaning hours have been made available, and following a recent audit, the situation had significantly improved.

4. Hygiene Code inspection.

The Trust has now received the report from the Healthcare Commission, following the unannounced inspection on 11 February (Appendix D).

There are two recommendations highlighted in the report:

- Publication of cleaning schedules on wards
- Inconsistency of two policies concerning cleaning of medical devices.

Both of these recommendations are already being actioned. Confirmation of the outcomes will be brought to the next Trust Board meeting.

The Healthcare Commission have recently announced that every acute trust will be inspected in 2008/9. The trust will receive notification as to which quarter of the year the inspection will take place, but it will once again be unannounced.