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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 18 March 2009

Title: Healthcare Commission Hygiene Code inspection report

Executive Summary: Attached is the Healthcare Commission report on the hygiene code inspection at the Whittington, which took place on 14 and 15 January 2009. The report was published on the Healthcare Commission website on Friday 27 February.

The report provides assurance that the trust is compliant with three of the duties inspected:

Duty 2: to have in place appropriate management systems for infection prevention and control

Duty 8: to provide adequate isolation facilities

Duty 10j: to have in place an appropriate policy in relation to antimicrobial prescribing.

The report highlights that there were three breaches of the code identified in relation to duty 4 (to provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environments for healthcare). these breaches specifically related to:

4a: inclusion of arrangements for liaison between the infection control team and facilities management in all relevant environmental policies

4d: standards of cleanliness, specifically the condition of the mop washer room

4f: effective arrangements for the appropriate decontamination of equipment, specifically the bed mattress store.

The Healthcare Commission have made the following recommendations, which will be lead by the Director of Facilities:

- review all environmental policies, as listed in the hygiene code annex 1, and ensure provision is made in each for the liaison between members of the infection control team and the people with overall responsibility for facilities management
- ensure that the actions identified in risk assessments regarding cleaning arrangements undertaken at the time of the inspection are implemented
- ensure that the actions identified in the risk assessments regarding decontamination undertaken at the time of the inspection are implemented.

The Care Quality Commission will check that the trust has made these improvements in six months time. Evidence that the recommendations have been implemented will also need to be presented to NHS London.

Action: For information

Report from: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Sponsor:	David Sloman, Chief Executive
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Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Name of finance officer
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference: Health Act 2006 (Hygiene Code)
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Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference: C4a, C4c, C21
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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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