

**PRIORITIES FOR REDUCING HCAI 2007/8
ACTION PLAN**

PRIORITY	LEAD	ACTION	TIMESCALE	LINKS TO
1. Clostridium difficile management				
1.1 Ensure all wards have access to adequate levels of core equipment for patients in isolation	Gretta O'Toole (infection Control Nurse) Camilla Wiley (Head of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ List of basic equipment to be agreed for every sideroom/patient on transmission precautions ▪ Audit of equipment to be undertaken on every ward 	May 2007	
MRSA management				
1.2 Review MRSA screening protocols	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expand current screening programmes to include all elective patients ▪ Consider options for screening all emergency admissions 	July 2007 September 2007	Saving Lives
1.3 Continue root cause analysis (RCA) of MRSA bacteraemia	Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RCA undertaken within 5 days of positive blood culture ▪ 3 month follow up of action plans ▪ Ward managers to be skilled in RCA to be able to complete process 	April 2007 & ongoing	MRSA recovery plan

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2. Intravenous devices				
2.1 Good management of peripheral cannulae	Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ revised nursing documentation ▪ audit of practice 	April 2007 July 2007	MRSA recovery plan Winning Ways Saving Lives
2.2 Good management of intravenous feeding lines	Kyri Shiamtanis (Clinical Nutrition Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ project plan to be in place by June 	June 2007	Winning Ways
2.3 Review of central line management and insertion	Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing) Dr Tim Blackburn (consultant anaesthetist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ nursing documentation to be revised ▪ detailed guidelines to be drafted on insertion of central lines ▪ audit of central line placement and patient outcomes ▪ 	July 2007 July 2007 May 2007	Winning Ways Saving Lives
3. Leadership				
3.1 Focus audit work and practice reviews on identified high risk wards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coyle - Victoria - Meyrick - Cloudesley - Cavell - Reckitt 	Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Targeted programme of training and audits to be agreed – to be led through Visible Leadership programme ▪ Rapid feedback of audit results (within 1 week of audit) 	May 2007	

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3.2 Role of infection control link practitioners	Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reinforce key elements of role ▪ Formalise the role with all ward managers ▪ Bi-monthly meetings of all link practitioners with infection control nurses 	June 2007	
3.3 Project support for "Saving Lives" implementation	Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing) Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outline specification for the role ▪ Initial 12 month appointment to test effectiveness ▪ Key leads identified for all High Impact Interventions 	June 2007 July 2007	Saving Lives FT Action Plan
4. Isolation policies				
4.1 Review surgical bed base	Gethin Hughes (General Manager for Surgery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review configuration of surgical beds to separate all elective activity from emergency ▪ Reduce bed numbers (in line with planned projections) by reducing beds in each bay from 6 to 4 	June 2007 June 2007	
4.2 Review of bed management policy	Julie Teahan (Matron for Acute Care) Matthew Boazman (General Manager)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure specific reference to management of infected patients on admission 	tbc	Winning Ways

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4.3 Increase isolation rooms	Phil lent (Director of Facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress capital scheme to convert ward area into additional single rooms 		Winning Ways
5. Cleaning				
5.1 Review cleaning procedures in all wards	Steven Packer (Asst Director of Facilities) Shaun Harrison (Matron for Medicine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of new cleaning directives using hypochlorite agents Introduce steam cleaning of large patient equipment, e.g. commodes Review policy on ward curtains: frequency of changing/washing; consider use of disposable curtains 	<p>July 2007</p> <p>July 2007</p> <p>July 2007</p>	
5.2 Renew and refresh ward cleaning SLAs in association with matrons and infection control	Steven Packer (Asst Director of Facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to be in place by June 2007 	July 2006	FT action plan
5.3 Review role of ward housekeepers	Philip lent (Director of Facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> audit role of current housekeepers consider whether to extend role to other wards 	September 2007	Winning Ways Saving Lives
6. Antimicrobial prescribing				
6.1 Continued enforcement of antimicrobial policies	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC) Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce good prescribing practice of maximum of 7 days prescriptions Continue restricted 	May 2007 & ongoing	MRSA recovery plan Winning Ways Saving Lives

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		<p>prescribing of cephalosporins & quinolones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with ward pharmacists to empower them to challenge prescribing practice ▪ Re-establish antimicrobial pharmacist role (DS to lead) ▪ Enforce single dose prophylaxis in orthopaedics ▪ Additional education for junior doctors – rolling programme 	<p>ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>June 2007</p> <p>Sept 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
7. Training				
7.1 Review infection control training provided for all staff	Dr Julie Andrews (Consultant Microbiologist) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review content of training updates run by infection control nurses ▪ Target training at high risk wards ▪ Cascade training programme to high risk wards led by senior nurses as part of weekly clinical practice 	<p>July 2007</p> <p>June 2007</p>	FT action plan Winning Ways
7.2 Review use of Dept of Health e-learning tool	Lisa Smith (Asst Director of Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarify potential for further roll out across the Trust ▪ Decide whether to use for high risk groups of staff 	July 2007	MRSA recovery plan FT action plan
7.3 Infection control handbook for facilities staff	Steven Packer (Asst Director of Facilities) Lisa Smith (Asst Director of Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revise current handbook for facilities staff ▪ Ensure annual updating sessions provided 	July 2007	MRSA recovery plan Winning Ways

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	Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)			
8. Aseptic technique				
8.1 Review of aseptic technique policy and practice of all clinical staff	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy to be reviewed 	July 2007	MRSA recovery plan Winning Ways Saving Lives
9. Hand hygiene				
9.1 Hand hygiene audits	Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly hand hygiene audits on all acute wards ▪ Fortnightly audits on high risk wards 	April 2007	
9.2 Clean your hands campaign	Julie Teahan (Matron for Acute Care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Posters on wards ▪ Review provision of alcohol hand rub by each bed & in other clinical departments 	All year June 2007	Winning Ways Saving Lives FT action plan
10. Information management				
10.1 Agree core infection control indicators for all clinical areas	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC) Debbie Clatworthy (Asst Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ward accreditation programme ▪ Agree on information for clinical teams 	Sept 2007	MRSA recovery plan FT action plan
10.2 Infection control outcome indicators to be agreed	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC) Deborah Wheeler (Director of Nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outcomes to be measured and reported on mortality and reducing length of stay of infected patients 	November 2007	FT action plan
10.3 Implementation of new IT system	Dr Mike Kelsey (DIPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	? September 2007	FT action plan

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