



Welcome to the Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) Newsletter

Our Vision:

As an Improvement Network, we influence and support our staff, patients and carers to continuously improve person centred infection prevention and control practices, ensuring a safe and effective care experience.

NHS Scotland Quality Strategy ambitions state “**there will be no avoidable harm to people from the healthcare they receive.**” Healthcare associated infection is estimated to affect 4.5% of all patients who receive care. One of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde’s ambitions is to strive for excellence in the reduction of preventable infections. The NHSGGC Pursuit of Healthcare Excellence Quality Strategy (2019/2023) is a framework, which outlines how we intend to continuously improve the quality of care to our patients, carers and communities over the next five years. The Quality Strategy Group has agreed that Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is one of three key strategic priorities within NHSGGC, therefore the Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) is being taken forward as a programme of the Quality Strategy Work-plan, thus providing the structure, methodology and expertise required.

The IPCQIN consists of two main groups;

The Steering Group which creates the vision and sets the direction for the Network Operational Group. It also has a decision making and reporting authority to approve and monitor all relevant decisions throughout the lifecycle of the Network.

The Operational Group which facilitates operational oversight and assures key stakeholder engagement in the development of the Network business and its recommendations, throughout the lifecycle of the Network.



To support and deliver on the IPCQIN Operational Group's objectives; three workstreams have been established:

1. Person Centred Care - Infection Prevention and Control Work Stream

Lead: Pamela Joannidis, Infection Prevention and Control Associate Nurse Director and Ann McLinton, PCHC Programme Manager, Clinical Governance Support Unit.

Focus: Improve both patient safety and their care experience in line with key local delivery plan targets and Align with the other key priority areas of Person Centred Care.

Update on Progress:

- Work is ongoing with Patient Experience and Public Involvement (PEPI) and the Person Centred Care Group to recruit representatives for the workstream
- Focus on improving communication based on patient feedback/experience.

2. Reducing Infections Associated with the Use of Invasive Access Devices Workstream

Lead: Dr Ram Kasthuri, Consultant Interventional Radiologist

Focus: Increasing awareness of SAB prevention across GGC among all professional groups and further investigation of barriers to good SAB prevention practices.

Update on Progress:

- Chair of Board-wide SAB group now on Operational Group (OG), ensuring visibility of Board-wide initiatives and alignment to work previously completed or in progress.
- Representative from the SAB groups in different sectors are on the OG.
- There are currently two local SAB Groups (North Sector and another one recently established in the South Sector). The function of the Board Group to align these is currently under review.
- Baseline data available for SAB/ECB, aim to meet the 2022 SAB and ECB target, with sustainment throughout 2022.
- Work is ongoing with regards to PICC line passports, updating educational resources for junior doctors, interrogation of DATIX reports in order to identify themes to target interventions, roll out of chlorohexidine impregnated dressing for all mid and long lines, SAB tool box talk is being delivered to individual wards with the key objective being that wards themselves will take these talks forward.

3. Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) Workstream

Lead: Pamela Joannidis, Infection Prevention and Control Associate Nurse Director

Aim: By June 2022, all acute areas will demonstrate > 90% compliance with all standard infection control precautions.

Update on Progress:

- Development of a new SICPs Audit Tool using improvement methodology. This new SICP tool can be used by any healthcare worker including IPC to provide assurance re SICPs compliance. Positive feedback has been received re the audit tool in that it is very user friendly and can be adapted in any area. Further feedback sought from wider areas.
- Work ongoing looking at ways to display SICPs scores using a true quality structure that focuses on improvement. Feedback will be sought from non-executives as well and patients and families on this.

Key results to date:

- The infection Prevention and Control Business Manager is the Project Manager for the IPCQI Network.
- Flash reports have been established by the work streams with the first reports presented to the Steering Group on 19.07.2021.
- Communication strategy includes mission/vision statement, logo and branding specific to the work of the Network.
- Data SAB/ECB now available on the Microstrategy site for all Infection Control access device sub groups.
- The Operational Group have developed a driver diagram to support the workstreams
- Three cohorts of the Scottish Improvement Foundation Skills Programme (SIFS) have been completed and currently planning a training programme for 2022. 25 IPC staff have completed the SIFS Course.

For any queries/suggestions or if you would like to become a member of any of the work-stream groups mentioned above, please contact Natalia Hedo, Infection Prevention and Control Business Manager on Natalia.Hedo@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

