



Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN)

IPCQIN Newsletter

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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

Welcome to our March 2024, 6th Issue Newsletter!

A significant amount of work has been undertaken by the teams across the IPCQIN in 2023 to support the vision of the network and continue to improve the quality and care for patients.

As we move into 2024, our newsletter will provide an update on the work to date, and the next steps for 2024.

In this newsletter:

- *IPCQIN Operational & Steering Group Merge*
- *Update from Workstream Groups*
- *Scottish Coaching and Leading for Improvement Programme (SCLIP)*

IPCQIN Steering & Operational Group Merge



It was agreed in Summer 2023 that the Steering Group and the Operational group would merge into one group – the IPCQIN.

- Revised ToR was shared and approved by the group in November 2023.
- The scope of the membership for the group was reviewed.
- The group will continue to report to the Quality Strategy Group.
- The group will meet bi-monthly in the first instance – the last meeting took place on the 9th January 2024.

IPCQIN Workstream Groups' Update:



1. Person Centred Care - Infection Prevention and Control

Initial findings from the questionnaire are that a high number of patients would like more electronic versions of the Patient Information Leaflets to read on their tablet or phone.

2. Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) Workstream

Following review of both ward led audits and audits undertaken by IPCT, it has been agreed that the report will focus on areas of improvement from results of the audits undertaken by the IPCT. Once complete, a report will be submitted to the committees for review and this will form the education for improvement.

Review of hand hygiene audit tool and methodology – led by LBHHC, Stefan Morton is currently underway.

3. Reducing Infections Associated with the Use of Invasive Access Devices

SAB Group Updates

The focus continues on PVC and CVC infections, and the group will also be considering the urinary catheter care bundle.

Current Activity:

- Local Sector education sessions.
- Collation of photographic examples of well and poorly taken venflons to aid education work.
- Review shared learning from SAB cases.
- Print and disseminate and promote SAB information poster (Regional & North)
- MDT educational sessions planned
- Benchmarking against the other renal services in Scotland/established standards, suggest 3 areas that require improvement: shortfalls in VA specialist nurse provision, clinic provision and access to theatres.
- In parallel the renal nursing teams are developing more accessible educational resources on dialysis access care. The Regional Services nursing team continue to develop the systems of audit supporting best PVC practice being maintained.

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Scottish Coaching and Leading for Improvement Programme (SCLIP)



Recruitment for Cohort 39 of the Scottish Coaching and Leading for Improvement Programme (SCLIP) delivered by NHS Education Scotland is now closed. However, please use the following link for further updates on the next recruitment cycle.

The SCLIP programme is for staff who have a leadership role within a Health and Social Care setting that supports the Excellence in Care agenda and is aimed at the following professional groups:

- *Nursing and Midwifery*
- *Allied Healthcare Professionals*
- *Health Care Scientists*

To access the recruitment pack which includes the application form, please click the following link [Recruitment | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

IPCQIN Next Steps



- The next IPCQIN meeting is scheduled for the 7th March 2024.
- A work plan will be developed, from the content of the project plan and the workstream flash reports, to support reviewing and planning improvements and actions.
- The communication plan will be reviewed on a regular basis.
- Updates will be provided to the Quality Strategy Group when required.

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

