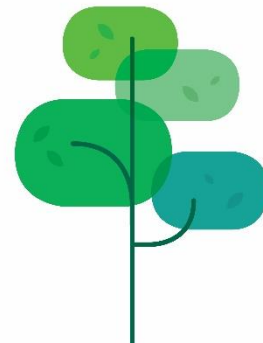


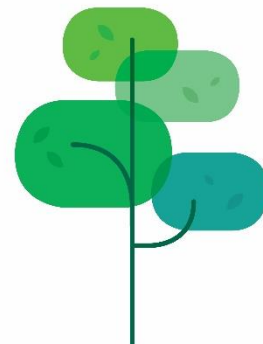
Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework – Compliance

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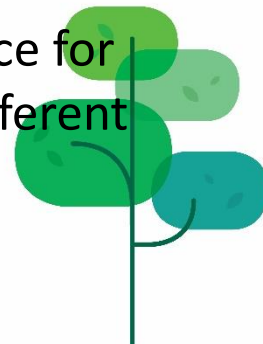
1. Systems to manage and monitor the prevention and control of infection.

- This section has 15 key lines of enquiry.
- These include implementing all IPC guidelines in accordance with national guidelines for respiratory viruses
- On going monitoring of compliance with guidance and completing risk assessments is deviation is required.



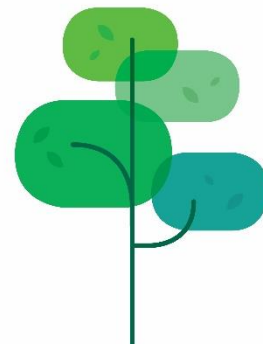
2. Provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in managed premises that facilitates the prevention and control of infections

- 17 key lines of enquiry
- These include ensuring that the new national cleaning standards are implemented along with any increased frequency of cleaning required.
- On going monitoring of compliance is maintained again by weekly and monthly audits and joint audits with the estates team
- Ventilation meets the required standard in HTM 04-01 and systematic reviews and risk assessments take place.
- Where clinical areas have low air changes and no natural ventilation consider alternative technologies.
- The trust are currently working with Skanska to provide the evidence for some of the ventilation section as we are currently working to a different HTM and assessing the differences.



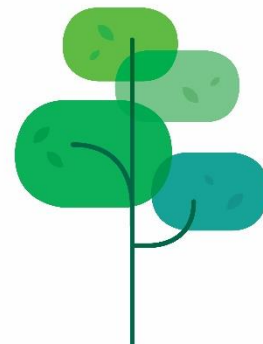
3. Ensure appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient outcomes and to reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance

- 5 key lines of enquiry
- These include maintain process's for antimicrobial stewardship and maintain mandatory reporting requirements.
- Microbiology ward rounds involving the Consultant Microbiologist and Antimicrobial Pharmacist have continued sometimes virtually to monitor patients on antibiotics
- The Antimicrobial Pharmacists have continued to monitor the usage levels of antibiotics in the Trust and the Infection Control Team have continued to monitor all infection rates and report to PHE where required.



4. Provide suitable accurate information on infections to service users, their visitors and any person concerned with providing further support or nursing/ medical care in a timely fashion

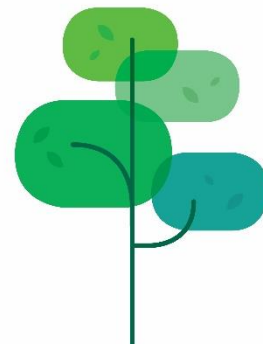
- 8 key lines of enquiry
- This includes information being available for patients and visitors about maintain wellbeing and safety
- National visiting guidance is implemented
- Clearly displayed information to prompt patients, visitors and staff to wear facemasks, socially distance and wash hands



5. Ensure prompt identification of people who have or are at risk of developing an infection so that they receive timely and appropriate treatment to reduce the risk of transmitting infection to other people

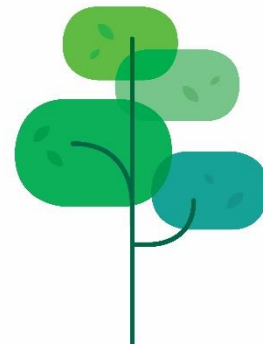
- 17 key lines of enquiry
- This includes testing all patients on admission,
- triaging patients and limiting movement of positive and symptomatic patients,
- all patients wearing face masks and adhering to 2 meters social distancing
- compliance with routine Covid testing

- Compliance is monitored monthly via audits



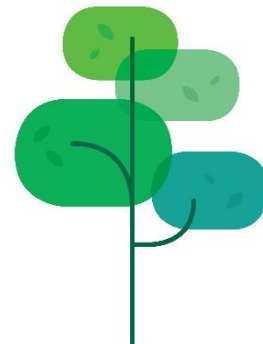
6. Systems to ensure that all care workers (including contractors and volunteers) are aware of and discharge their responsibilities in the process of preventing and controlling infection

- 12 key lines of enquiry
- IPC training and education is available for staff, patients and visitors
- Adherence to national guidance on use of PPE
- Staff maintaining social distancing of 1 metre or greater
- Nosocomial cases of Covid are investigated using the RCA process
- Monthly reviews of these areas are carried out.



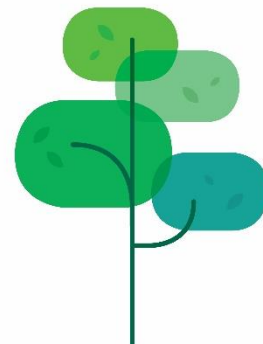
7. Provide or secure adequate isolation facilities

- 7 key lines of enquiry
- This includes, isolating patients in side rooms and if cohorting is required the facilities are appropriate.
- We are fortunate to have 50% on suite side rooms on the wards at KMH which has enabled isolation of most positive patients
- The bays have their own bathroom facilities allowing for appropriate cohorting.
- Ongoing assessment of social distancing is maintained
- Standard IPC precautions are used



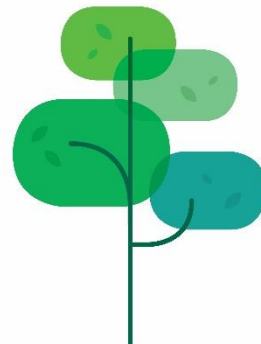
8. Secure adequate access to laboratory support as appropriate

- 13 key lines of enquiry
- This includes screens being taken and report within 24 hours, monitoring of turn around times, guidelines are followed on timing of tests,
- continue to test for other infections
- Monitoring of these elements is on going. Turnaround times have to be reported nationally everyday and we remain within the 24 hour turn around time. Process in place for elective patients to come in for testing.
- Audits undertaken of admission testing compliance.



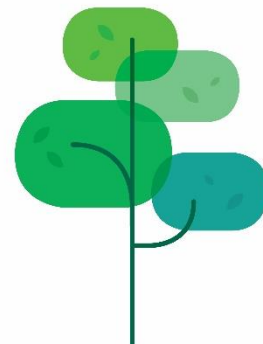
9. Have and adhere to policies designed for the individual's care and provider organisations that will help to prevent and control infections

- 6 key lines of enquiry
- All IPC policies available and in date
- Reviewing waste and linen compliance
- Having robust outbreak management plans in place
- On going monitoring is undertaken through audits , additional training and regular updates



10. Have a system in place to manage the occupational health needs and obligations of staff in relation to infection

- 22 key lines of enquiry
- This includes completing individual staff risk assessments,
- fit testing,
- reducing movement of staff,
- staff wearing face masks,
- monitoring staff absence relating to Covid
- staff having access to correct information if they test positive.



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- All audits results are reported to the Nurse in Charge at the time of the audit and also sent out to the Ward Leaders and Matrons.
- The incident control team receive a weekly IPC report
- The BAF is reviewed and updated every month – it is reviewed by the Infection Prevention and Control Committee and Patient Safety Committee and

