East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Board of Directors

Report Summary

Date of meeting: 7 November 2024	
Title of Document: Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report 2023-24	
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1. Status: To note	
2. Purpose: For the Board to consider and to note the annual report, considered at the Quality and Patient Safety Committee on 24 October 2024 and recommended to the Board	
Relates to:	
Strategic Objective	Keep people in control of their health Support and develop our staff
Operational performance	The IPC team works collaboratively to support clinical, operational and senior leadership teams
Quality	Proactively work with clinical and operational teams to provide advice, guidance and risk mitigations to teams in relation to IPC and the safe management of patients, taking into account infection prevalence data and clinical challenges
Legal, Regulatory, Audit	The objective and strategy for IP&C are based on the criteria within the Health & Social Care Act 2008 (H&SC Act) code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (DoH 2015/22) ensuring compliance with the Hygiene Code (appendix 1). In addition, the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) (NHSE 2023) for IPC has been developed. Ten criteria and the Hierarchy of controls are reported against, with a cross reference of evidence and risks included
Equality and diversity	
Finance	
Governance	The Infection Prevention and Control Committee reports to the Quality and Patient Safety Committee
NHS policy/public consultation	
Accreditation/Inspection	
Anchor institutions	
ICS/ICB/Alliance	
Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Risk	BAF4, Quality assurance mechanisms regarding the quality and safety of patient services
Other	

3. **Summary:**

The annual report was considered by the Board's Quality and Patient Safety Committee at its meeting held in October.

The report is a summary of the Trust's performance in relation to Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) for April 2023 to March 2024. The information provided is evidence and assurance on the Trust's compliance with the Hygiene Code. It also includes information on incidents and actions undertaken to address these. This demonstrates that the Trust is providing a clean and safe environment ensuring infection prevention and control is everybody's business.

4. Recommendations / Actions

The Board is invited to approve the note the annual report.