

Board of Directors Meeting - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework		Date: 2 nd December 2021	
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Purpose				
To update the Board on our compliance with NHSE England/Improvements Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	X
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
x			x	
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		x		
Risks/Issues				
Financial				
Patient Impact	X			
Staff Impact	X			
Services	X			
Reputational	x			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Patient Safety Committee				
Executive Summary				
<p>As our understanding of COVID-19 has developed, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and related guidance on required infection prevention and control measures has been published, updated and refined to reflect the opportunities to identify good practice and learning. This continuous process will ensure organisations can respond in an evidence-based way to maintain the safety of patients, service users and staff.</p> <p>The Board Assurance Framework has been developed to help providers assess themselves against the guidance as a source of internal assurance that quality standards are being maintained. It will also help them identify any areas of risk and show the corrective actions taken in response. The work to provide the assurance within this document is continuing and all aspects will be continually monitored.</p> <p>The current BAF has 10 domains and 127 key lines of enquiry. We are compliant with 125 key lines of enquiry and the 2 outstanding areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The risk assessment of all patients for other infections – this is not consistently completed on admission and we have developed this electronically on Nerve Centre which is currently in the live testing phase and should be completed by the end of November 2021 • Covid -19 status being documented on the patients discharge letter – the compliance with this has improved and is now above 80% - the plan is for there to be an IPC field on the new ePMA for this. In the short term reminders are given to all areas to complete this. 				