

NHS Board Meeting
16 December 2008

Paper No. 08/55

Board Medical Director

Progress Report on C.Diff Action Plan

Recommendation

The NHS Board is asked to receive this further update to the NHSGGC C-Diff Action Plan

Introduction.

The first report was submitted to the Performance Review Group on 16 September 2008.

A further update and outline of the progress report provided to SGHD on 1 November 2008 was submitted to the Performance Review Group on 18 November 2008.

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Governance	The Board to set out its commitment to the Vale of Leven and how relevant services will be sustainable	H Byrne (Director of Acute Services Strategy, Implementation & Planning)	<p>October 2008</p> <p>A) The report of the independent external review of anaesthetics was published on 15/08/2008. The recommendations from this report were incorporated in a document, setting out the future vision for the Vale of Leven Hospital. NHSGGC launched a 6-week period of engagement on the vision of the Vale of Leven on 17 September 2008, which ended at the end of October.</p> <p>B) Formal Consultation has now been launched for a 13-week period until January 2009. 4 of 9 formal Consultation Meetings have been held and a meeting with Helensburgh Area Committee of Argyll and Bute Council. A meeting with West Dunbartonshire Council is scheduled for 9 December 2008. A series of Drop-in sessions have also been arranged.</p> <p>C) Further formal Consultation meetings will occur in January 2009. On request there will be attendance at Community and other group meetings.</p> <p>D) A report collecting all responses to consultation will be submitted to the Board Meeting in February 2009.</p>	On target for February Board meeting.

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	<p>Infection prevention and control policies to be reinforced and compliance monitored and audited at the Vale of Leven</p> <p>Will deliver education on and audit policies on key elements re: diff:</p>	<p>T Walsh S. McNamee A. Rankin</p>	<p>September 2008</p> <p>Education Over 500 members of staff have attended infection control education (estimated number of staff at the VOL is 505).</p> <p>Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Hand Hygiene Audits in progress. • Antibiotic of the use of antimicrobial therapy completed. • Audit of key Infection Control Policies has been completed. 	<p align="center">COMPLETE</p>
	<p>The Board should define accountability and responsibility framework for HAI throughout organisation</p>	<p>B Cowan / T Walsh</p>	<p>October 2008</p> <p>Assurance framework being developed. KPIs to be applied at all levels from ward to board based on the forthcoming national monitoring template. NHS Board will receive 2 monthly reports on HAI commencing February 2009.</p> <p>High level KPIs agreed with Carol Fraser (HAI Nurse Advisor for SGHD), and NHSGGC will continue work with QIS and SGHD on developing the monitoring tool for use at National level.</p> <p>The review of the infection control structure is now complete and will be implemented during December/ January</p>	<p align="center">On target for Feb Board meeting</p> <p align="center">Awaiting National Template (mid December)</p> <p align="center">Will be implemented Dec/ Jan</p>

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	<p>The Board to highlight the Vale of Leven Hospital as a flagship site for the implementation of the improvement programme "Time to Care".</p>	<p>R Farrelly / R Crockett</p>	<p>A job description is now developed to lead on the implementation of this improvement programme and this has been shared with SGHD colleagues and we will now proceed to advertisement. Work ongoing in order to be able to access tool kit at VoL Hospital. Lomond Ward is currently piloting "Releasing Time to Care". Senior Charge Nurse & Senior Nurse attended relevant training programme.</p> <p>Whilst the Productive Ward is a "bottom up" methodology, it's success depends on clear and visible links to the organisational strategy. The objectives of the programme reflect clearly NHSGGC's mission and values and the improvement culture within the Board aimed at achieving a high quality experience for every patient. It will be overseen by the Director of Nursing (Acute Division) and Senior Nursing Teams within Clinical Practice.</p>	<p>Progressing to achieve target</p>
	<p>Board to ensure consistency of documenting HAI as factor contributing to death</p>	<p>B Cowan / S Ahmed</p>	<p>December 2008 Outcomes section now included on ICN patient referral forms.</p> <p>System in place for notification when GRO record <i>C. diff</i> as the underlying cause of death. This will be incorporated into the risk management and incident reporting structure when the RCA tool becomes available.</p> <p>Medical Director reviewing Office for National Statistics</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>

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			Guidance on completion of Medical Certificates as possible basis for interim guidance within NHSGGC.	
	Follow-up review of actions from Independent review team report to be carried out by end of year	B Cowan / T Walsh	December 2008 Discussed 28 August. SGHD pursuing possibility of representatives from the Cairns Smith Review Panel returning for the planned further review visit.	Awaiting confirmation of process

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Facilities	The Board to detail an investment programme to address outstanding maintenance and modernisation issues at the Vale of Leven Hospital	R Calderwood	October 2008 Progressing as part of the upgrade programme of work commenced 13 June 2008. Programme timescales amended to reflect an increase in the scope of the programme and limitations on access into busy clinical areas.	Progressing as per revised project plan
	The Board to review isolation facilities at the Vale of Leven maximising access	R Calderwood / A McIntyre	November 2008 Progressing as part of the upgrade programme of work commenced 13 June 2008. Programme timescales amended to reflect an increase in the scope of the programme and limitations on access into busy clinical areas.	Progressing as per revised project plan

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Clinical Leadership	Senior Charge Nurses to be empowered to deliver against their responsibilities	R Crocket / R Farrelly	<p>September 2008 Session held outlining the role of the Senior Charge Nurse. Lead Nurses, Head of Nursing and Senior Charge Nurses were informed of the principles with regards to the HAI agenda and the Senior Charge Nurse Review Implementation Programme within the VoL and across NHSGGC. It was made clear at this meeting that the SCNs, HONs/HOM/Lead Nurses all have a responsibility and accountability to promote and maintain a culture in which safety related to infection prevention and control is of the highest importance and all SCNs at VOL Hospital will complete Cleanliness Champion Course / Training and workbook by December 2008.</p> <p>Senior Charge Nurse (national) job description for NHSGGC now includes the following: “HealthCare Associated Infections (HAIs), Professional Accountability & Responsibility”</p> <p>The SCN job description and knowledge and skills framework outlines will go to the Area Partnership Forum.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>On target to complete</p>
	The Senior Charge Nurse review recommendations to be implemented as	R Crocket / R Farrelly	<p>October 2008 The roll out of the SCN Review was outlined VOL phase 1.</p> <p>The SCN Review Steering Group is established and</p>	COMPLETE

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	<p>early as possible at the Vale of Leven</p>		<p>meeting monthly to oversee the implementation of the SCN Review. Terms of Reference and implementation action plan developed, signed off and now commenced. In total 40 SCNs across NHSGGC are part of the first cohort and this includes all SCNs at the VOL Hospital.</p> <p>The SCN review position paper and implementation plan have been approved at NHSGGC Board Wide Organisational Development Group, Area Partnership Forum, Operational Management Group (Acute Division) & Strategic Management Group (Acute Division).</p> <p>Four development days are now organised for all SCNs within the first cohort and these days are linked with the master classes as part of the SCNs development. This development will also see the commencement of learning communities and action learning sets.</p> <p>The Clinical Quality Indicators (CQIs) will be linked with SCNs implementation programme but as this will not be a live IT system as it is still being piloted in other NHS Boards. NHSGGC will manually complete this information in order to capture the CQIs. However no CQIs have been developed for Children's Services or Maternity Services at present.</p> <p>Job description has now been developed for senior support post and this has been shared with NHSGGC & SGHD colleagues for comments. This post has gone to advert in December 2008.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>COMPLETE</p> <p>Progressing to completion</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>
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			<p>Directorate structure and through the professional lines to the Director of Nursing within the Acute Services Division. His role is pivotal in support of the Board Nurse Director whose key responsibility (already being enacted in the delivery of this action plan) will be to spearhead the various programmes of improvement which are being taken forward. This will include a structured professional clinical walkabout on the relevant site which will be linked with SPSP on documenting and actioning the outcomes of the professional clinical walkabouts.</p>	
Clinical Leadership	The Board to consider the need to establish full-time post of Lead Infection Control Doctor	B Cowan / T Walsh	<p>September 2008 Sector based ICD and a co-ordinating ICD structure in place. ICD cover was a key consideration in the review of Infection Control Structure lead by the Board Medical Director. The revised structure includes 0.5 WTE Co-ordinating Infection Control Doctor over and above the sessional commitments of the sector based ICDs.</p>	<p>Will be implemented as part of review of Infection Control Structure Dec/Jan</p>

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Surveillance	Vale of Leven local surveillance system based on standard template and guidance produced by Health Protection Scotland to be in place, including setting of control limits and trajectories for reduction of rates / incidence of HAI	R Crocket / S McNamee	<p>September 2008 All wards in NHSGGC who have a an underlying prevalence of MRSA and C. difficile infection are now issued a Statistical Process Control Chart (SPCs) by the AOD Infection Control Team.</p> <p>Draft Paper Prepared – “Framework for Local Surveillance for NHSGGC 2008” based on the HPS document – “A framework for local surveillance of HAI in NHS Scotland.” This document will be circulated to Directors in the AOD for comment in January.</p>	COMPLETE
	Board to carry out epidemiological review of cases between December 2007 and June 2008	Dr S Ahmed	Included within the report from the Outbreak Control Team.	COMPLETE
Education	HAI Education and training programme for all disciplines of staff, to be developed and delivered at the Vale of Leven	A Rankin / S McNamee	<p>Education</p> <p>Over 500 members of staff have attended infection control education (estimated number of staff at the VOL is 505).</p>	COMPLETE

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Communication	Board to review communication processes by clinical staff to patients and relatives, ensuring delivery of consistent accurate information. This should involve the Patient Focus Public Involvement lead.	S McNamee / R Farrelly / J Whyteside / Debbie Mack	<p>September 2008</p> <p>New patient information leaflets, laundry, <i>C. difficile</i> and generic HAI information have be distributed to all sites.</p> <p>All policies and patient information leaflets in relation to HAI are following the Standard Operational Policy for infection control consultation and distribution which now includes all Directors in Acute Division.</p> <p>Infection control are in the process of developing guidance for staff on how to disseminate the Patient Information leaflets.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>In progress</p>
Communication	The Board should define the communication pathway and escalation process for reporting HAI outbreaks and incidents at all levels from ward to Government	B Cowan / T Walsh	<p>September 2008</p> <p>Draft document prepared. "Guidance on the Reporting of Healthcare Associated Incidents and Outbreaks". Will link to Root Cause Analysis initiative as an action from the document.</p> <p>The RCA tool has been piloted in NHSGGC and comments returned to HPS and QIS. It is anticipated that this tool will be finalised by the end of December 08.</p>	<p>COMPLETE (NHSGGC)</p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED HPS & QIS</p>

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Finance	Charge Nurses to have access to resources to address urgent estates shortcomings and replacement of equipment, e.g. broken sinks	R Calderwood / A McIntyre	<p>April 2009</p> <p>An evaluation of the operational and budgetary aspects of this directive is ongoing and will be concluded as part of the Board's budget setting process. Consideration is being given to the allocation formula per Charge Nurse that reflects the age and condition of estate and furnishings reflecting expenditure and upgrades to date and the governance arrangements for the allocation.</p>	On target for April 2009