

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief provides a statement on Staphylococcus aureus and a new report on Glasgow HIV outbreak is welcomed.

Media statement on Staphylococcus aureus

The Daily Record asked us for an update on the Staphylococcus Aureus infection at the Princess Royal Maternity and specifically how many babies had died and how many infections there had been. We sent the following statement and told them we don't have permission from the family to give any more details on the third baby.

The story has now been picked up by other media including the BBC, Radio Clyde and the Herald and we expect coverage to run throughout the day.

Our statement in full

As previously reported, we have been rigorously managing a number of cases of a rare Staphylococcus aureus blood stream infection in extremely premature babies in the neonatal unit of the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital.

Three babies, who were extremely poorly due to their very early birth, sadly died and infection was one of a number of contributing causes in their deaths.

Since early March, no further patients have tested positive for the Staphylococcus aureus infection.

A programme of staff and family screening was carried out, as has been previously reported. This was one of a number of steps taken to respond to this strain of Staphylococcus aureus.

As this was an extremely rare strain which is highly resistant to the two antibiotics normally prescribed for S. Aureus and the skin cleaning agent routinely used in hospitals across the UK, we put in place a number of further infection control measures including the prescribing of different antibiotics and the introduction of a new skin cleaning agent.

New report on Glasgow HIV outbreak welcomed

The body tackling the UK's biggest HIV outbreak in 30 years today (Wednesday, 10 April) welcomed new research showing the scale of the outbreak in Glasgow.

A seven-year study by experts from Glasgow Caledonian University and Health Protection Scotland, working in collaboration with NHSGGC and the University of the West of Scotland, outlines the combination of key factors which led to the HIV outbreak in 2015. [Click here to read more.](#)

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