Dear Parent / Carer

We are committed to keeping you informed of the ongoing work we are undertaking to enhance the environment on the ward and to reiterate our thanks and gratitude for your continued co-operation and support.

Our team investigating a number of unusual infections amongst patients continue to meet.  The latest meeting was today, Friday 23rd August.

We have already made you aware of the extensive testing of all the water systems in the ward and that this testing has shown no source linking the ward environment to the infections.

Weekly audits of our infection control practices are ongoing and our infections control colleagues will continue to support staff on the ward to ensure these practices remain within accepted limits.

There will be some additional work being carried out in rooms across the ward next week by our facilities team.  While this work is ongoing we will continue to divert a small number of admissions to other units.  There is no change to our outpatients and day cases clinics. Where appropriate patients continue to be prescribed prophylactic antibiotics as a precautionary measure.

We are in regular contact with Health Protection Scotland and Health Facilities Scotland who have been offering support and advice.

We would also reiterate that parents and visitors continue to assist us by adhering to our advice on good hand hygiene practice when in the ward, and that our clinical, nursing and infection control staff are available to discuss anything further.