

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TEAM (IPCT)

The Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) has primary responsibility for, and reports to, the Director with responsibility for Infection Prevention and Control or Chief Executive on all aspects of surveillance, prevention and control of infection within the Trust. (DOH/PHLS 1995)

The Infection Prevention and Control Team comprises of:

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The IPCT have direct access to any healthcare worker and likewise are accessible by all healthcare workers.

The responsibilities of the IPCT include:-

- Provision of advice on the prevention and management of infection (this may be condition/patient specific, relate to decontamination of the equipment or environment, or implementation of evidence based practices to prevent and control infection within healthcare).
- Monitoring, identifying, investigating and acting in respect of outbreaks or incidents.
- Advising on isolation and on correcting hazardous or ineffective procedures.
- Preparing policies and procedures for prevention and control of infection.
- Providing information on control, assessing risk and advising on the resources required to reduce the risk of infection within the trust.
- Conducting a programme of infection prevention and control audits.
- Undertaking surveillance for ALERT micro-organisms and also targeted surveillance following specific procedures e.g. surgical site surveillance.
- Education of all grades of staff on infection prevention and control principles and practice.
- Involvement in research to improve infection prevention and control practice. Liaison with staff involved in purchasing and planning to ensure infection control issues are given a high priority in their activities.
- Liaison with other departments to provide infection prevention and control input e.g. Occupational Health, Facilities.

The IPCT will need to be expanded to form an action group if a major problem is identified.