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SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

April 2010—March 2011

Introduction

This leaflet is a brief summary of the annual report which is produced each year by the Director of Infection Prevention & Control.

The full report can be found on the trust website at www.bwhct.nhs.uk

How did we do last year?

- Maintained our infection control standards and provided no evidence to suggest any kind of breach of the regulations that protect patients, healthcare workers and others from the risks of acquiring a health-associated infection.
- Continued to perform well in all categories subject to mandatory Department of Health surveillance. With no cases of MRSA bacteraemia for the eighth year in succession.



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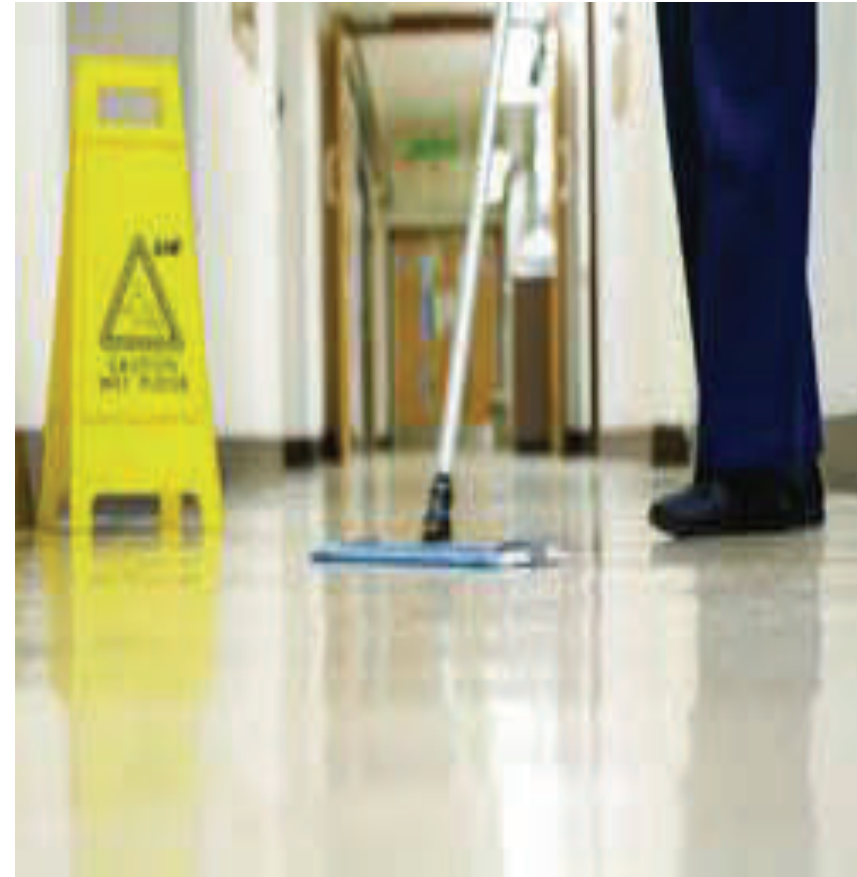
Good Infection Control is making a difference How we did it?

- Continued to improve engagement with staff, patients and their families around the importance of infection prevention and control.
- Developed a 'Blitz the Bugs' campaign to highlight the trusts commitment to high standards and reinforcing key messages to staff, patients and the public on infection prevention and control.
- Strengthened our multi-disciplinary environmental inspection programme which helped to identify where further improvements could be made.
- Proactive programme of infection control audits and improved performance scores.

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Key Developments

- **Increased MRSA screening in line with Departmental of Health recommendations. We also had improved compliance with MRSA screening for all relevant patient admissions.**
- **Increased local monitoring of cleanliness and high standards of infection control practice by all wards & departments.**
- **Implementation of a regular mattress audit programme across the Trust.**
- **Improved public display of infection control related information on dedicated notice boards. Information is regularly updated and includes items such as performance in audits and new developments in infection control.**



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The Year ahead?

2011/2012.....

- We aim to maintain our high standards of Infection Prevention and Control throughout our Trust.
- We now need to report on cases of MSSA and E.Coli bacteraemia. We have developed a rapid review process which will be undertaken for each case, to identify if any improvements can be made.
- We aim to reduce the number of sharps related injuries to staff by reviewing our current practices and introducing safety devices where required.
- We plan to have an active Flu Campaign to promote and improve the uptake of influenza immunisation.



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