The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS
King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT ON BUSINESS:		
Dr Beverley Watson	Decision		High	Med	Low
	Discussion	✓	✓		
	Information				
LEAD MANAGER:	**REPORT TYPE:**		**BAF REFERENCES & RAG:**		
Dr Ian Hosein	Strategic				
	Operational	✓			
	Governance		**RELATED WORK: (PREVIOUS PAPERS TO COMMITTEE)**		
PEER ASSIST:	**PEER REVIEW:**				
CQC Domain: (safe, caring, effective, responsive, well-led)	Safe				

Meeting Date:

Report Title: **Infection Prevention & Control Status Against Priority Infections**

PURPOSE:

1. To update the Board on performance with Norovirus, *C.difficile* and MRSA infections
2. To inform the Board of the need for QEH to strengthen the patient safety priority in our **Aiming for Excellence** initiative such that **compliance** with safety measures becomes embedded in daily practice

SUMMARY:

Our performance with Norovirus control has been exceptionally good but the daily compliance required to achieve similar performance for C. difficile and MRSA infections has not been matched. This we believe is because the crisis that Norovirus can present keeps minds focussed on compliance.

RISK ASSESSMENT (CROSS-REFERENCE WITH RISK REGISTER WHERE APPROPRIATE):

Strategic / External	Operational/ Organisational	Financial	Clinical	Legal/ Regulatory	Reputational / Patient Experience
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

RECOMMENDATION/S:

Going forward we need to have cultural transition from very good crisis management to very good daily safety compliance out of crisis mode. The message throughout the organisation must be **Patient Safety First** (actions to ensure patient safety at all times, in all interactions…..)

This matter is being taken up by the Trust's Quality Improvement Group as part of its broader work to refocus on consistent compliance with the CQC's Fundamental Standards and on evidencing excellence in service delivery and good outcomes for patients.