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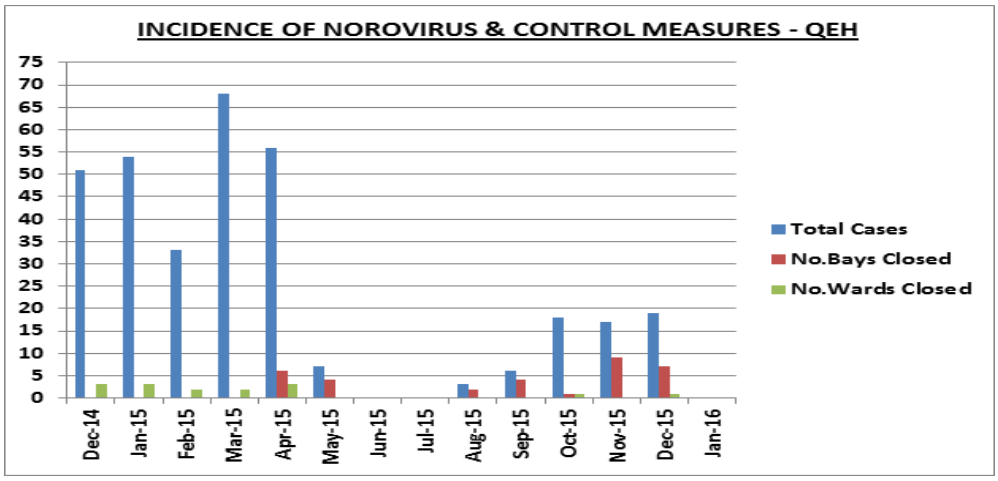
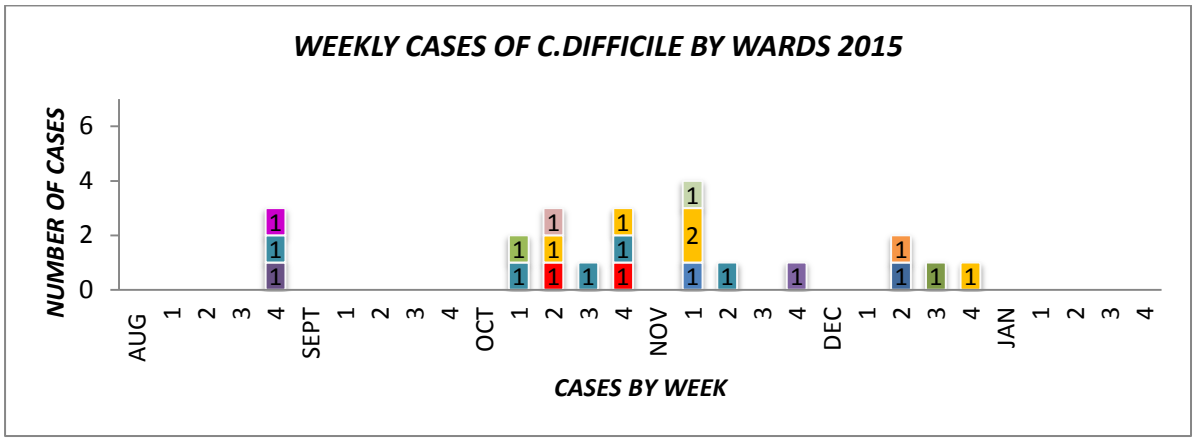
Norovirus- much better control with Norovirus this winter compared to the last one with incoming cases resulting in bay closures but not ward closures and with much less acquired cases in the hospital



C. difficile-we were in outbreak mode from acquired C difficile infections from October to Dec 2015 with cases of C. diff as follows: Oct-9, Nov-6, Dec-4 and none since Dec 18th to date of this report. The underlying cause of the outbreak is considered to be cross infection from a drop in compliance with core hygiene standards including the proper cleaning of commodes; actions were and continue to be taken to move the compliance we have in crisis mode to be done every day as the norm and these will be monitored via the Trust's Quality Improvement Group.



MRSA – There was one case of MRSA blood stream infection in Dec 2015 associated with a colonised central vascular line; places the Trust above target of zero cases. The compliance with MRSA admission screening is now > 90% and work is in progress to improve insertion technique and care of vascular lines with a target of 100% of clinical staff being trained in Aseptic Non-Touch Technique by end March 2016.