

Agenda item 3.iii

Report to:	Board of Directors	Date: 5 October 2023
Report from:	Director of Infection Prevention and Control	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title	Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC) Annual Report 2022/23	
Board Assurance Framework Entries	BAF Risks (675, 3040)	
Regulatory Requirement	CQC	
Equality Considerations	Equality has been considered but none believed to apply	
Key Risks		
For:	Approval	

1. Purpose

The Board is asked to read and approve the Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC) Annual Report 2022/23.

2. Key points to note

The DIPC Annual Report reports on infection prevention and control activities within Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (RPH) from April 2022 to March 2023.

M.abscessus continues to have a priority focus for the Trust and IPC team. An executive oversight group, with representation from external stakeholders, oversees M.abscessus activity and actions taken to minimise risk of M.abscessus. In 2022/23 there were two cases of acquired M.abscessus which were related to the RPH identified strain. This is a reduction from previous year, 2021/22.

It should be noted that the work of the IPC team was significantly impacted by the surgical site infection (SSI) rates through-out 2022/23. SSI was declared as a serious incident for the Trust in May 2022, as we continued to see a high rate of surgical wound infections at Royal Papworth Hospital.

A review of the Hygiene code (Health and Social Care Act 2008) highlighted areas of improvement to gain assurance particularly in the areas of decontamination and ventilation. Assurance subgroups have been established that report into ICPPC committee.

The Trust continues to take part in mandatory surveillance of MRSA, MSSA, E.coli, C.difficile infections via the national UKHSA and HCAI Data Capture System. In addition, mandatory reporting of CPE was introduced in 2016/17. Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Klebsiella species were introduced in 2017 and are included in the report.

Root cause analysis of all reportable infections were subject to scrutiny panel review with improvements and lessons learned monitored by the Infection Prevention and Control Committee.

3. Recommendation:

The Board is requested to: Approve the DIPC Annual Report 2022/23.