

Agenda Item 3.iii

Report to:	Trust Board	Date: 1 September 2022
Report from:	Infection Control Lead	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title:	Director of Infection Prevention & Control Annual Report 2021/22.	
For:	Approval	

1. Purpose/Background/Summary

All NHS organisations must ensure that they have effective systems in place to control healthcare associated infections. The prevention and control of infection is part of Royal Papworth's overall risk management strategy. Evolving clinical practice presents new challenges in infection prevention and control, which need continuous review.

The purpose of this report is to inform patients, public, staff, the Trust Board of Directors, Council of Governors of the infection prevention and control work undertaken in 2021/22 and provide assurance that the Trust remains compliant with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (Department of Health, 2015).

The annual DIPC report is aligned to the ten compliance criteria as outlined in the Health and Social care act, Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (Appendix 1).

The report is public facing and aims to reassure the public that the minimisation and control of infection is given the highest priority at RPH.

In publishing this report we recognise that patients and the public are increasingly concerned about infection risks. Access to information about this aspect of hospital care is rightly needed in order to make informed decisions and choices about their health care needs.

2. Key Items

The report highlights issues that the Trust must consider which include:

- The number and type of procedures carried out across the Trust and the systems in place to support infection control and decontamination
- The different activities of staff in relation to the prevention and control of infection
- The policies relating to infection prevention and control and decontamination
- Staff education and training programs
- The accountability arrangements for infection prevention and control
- The infection control advice received by the Trust
- The microbiological support for the Trust
- The integration of infection control into all service delivery and development activity
- A summary of key areas for this coming year

Recommendation:

The Board of Directors is requested to approve the DIPC Annual Report 2021/22.