

Infection Prevention and Control Assessment

Engagement call Summary Record

Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Provider address	Date
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Dear Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

The Care Quality Commission is not routinely inspecting services during the pandemic period and recovery phase, although we will be carrying out some focused inspections. We are maintaining contact with providers through our usual engagement calls and by monitoring arrangements such as those for infection prevention and control.

This Summary Record outlines what we found during an engagement call to discuss infection prevention and control arrangements, using standard sentences and explanatory paragraphs.

We have found that the board is assured that the trust has effective infection prevention and control measures in place. The overall summary outlines key findings from our assessment, including any innovative practice or areas for improvement.

This assessment and other monitoring activity are not inspections. Summary Records are not inspection reports. Summary Records are not published on our website.

Infection Prevention and Control – Assessment areas

1. *Has the trust board received / undertaken an assessment of infection prevention and control procedures and measures in place across all services since the pandemic of COVID 19 was declared. Does this include an assessment of the estate / isolation facilities?*

Yes The Board had received/undertaken a clear and comprehensive assessment of Infection Prevention and Control across all services including an assessment of the estate and isolation facilities.

2. *Are there systems in place to manage and monitor the prevention and control of infection? Do these systems use risk assessments and consider the susceptibility of service users, and any risks that their environment and other users may pose to them?*

Yes There are systems in place in manage and monitor the prevention and control of infection.

3. *Are there systems in place to provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in managed premises, facilitating the prevention and control of infections?*

Yes There are systems in place to provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in managed premises, facilitating the prevention and control of infections.

4. *Is there appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient outcomes and to reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance?*

Yes There is appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient outcomes and to reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance.

5. *Does the trust provide suitable accurate information on infections, in a timely fashion, to service users, their visitors and any person concerned with providing further support or nursing/ medical care?*

Yes The trust provides suitable accurate information on infections to service users, their visitors and any person concerned with providing further support or nursing/ medical care in a timely fashion.

6. Is there a system in place that ensures prompt identification of people who have or are at risk of developing an infection, so that they receive timely and appropriate treatment, to reduce the risk of transmitting infection to other people?

Yes The trust has systems to identify promptly people who have an infection, or who are at risk of developing an infection so that they receive timely and appropriate treatment.

7. Are there systems in place to ensure that all care workers (including contractors and volunteers) are aware of and discharge their responsibilities in the process of preventing and controlling infection?

Yes There are systems to ensure that all care workers (including contractors and volunteers) are aware of and discharge their responsibilities in the process or preventing and controlling infection.

8. Are there secure or adequate isolation facilities?

Yes The trust has effective process in place to manage the isolation of patients appropriately.

9. Is there adequate access to laboratory support?

Yes There is adequate and responsive access to laboratory support.

10. Is there evidence that the trust has policies designed for the individual's care which will help prevent and control infections?

Yes The trust has effective policies designed for the individual's care which will help prevent and control infections.

11. Does the trust have a system to manage the occupational health needs of staff, regarding infection?

Yes The trust has a system to manage the occupational health needs of staff regarding infection.

Overall summary record

We had a meeting with the trust on 10/07/2020 during which we discussed areas of the board assurance framework relating to infection prevention and control. The first version of the board assurance framework had been presented to the trust board and had been approved. An updated version was in the process of being re-presented and seeking approval/assurance. The trust had undertaken a thorough assessment of infection prevention and control, across all services and the building environment, since Covid 19. The trust had adequate PPE and had introduced systems to become self-sufficient should shortages continue. Staff have received necessary training in line with national guidance. Appropriate systems are in place to ensure prompt identification of staff and patients who have or who may be at risk of developing an infection. The trust continues to provide information for carers and the public through their website and through links to the government website. Appropriate isolation facilities and cohorting areas have been established for patients across the trust. The trust have restricted access to manage patients and visitors in response to the pandemic. Additional signage has been introduced and areas have been clearly divided to promote social distancing.