

Hand Hygiene Sub-Committee
of the
RCPI Clinical Advisory Group on Healthcare-Associated Infection (HCAI) and
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

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Terms of Reference

Governance

- Reports to the RCPI Clinical Advisory Group on HCAI and AMR (Figure 1)

Purpose

- To provide advice on all aspects of hand hygiene in the healthcare setting
- To review and update the national hand hygiene guidelines
- To develop a strategy for the implementation of hand hygiene guidelines in the healthcare setting
- To provide reports of the mandatory hand hygiene compliance audit programme and make appropriate recommendations

Membership

- Representatives of
 - RCPI HCAI Clinical Programme
 - Irish Society of Clinical Microbiologists
 - Infection Prevention Society (acute and non-acute settings)
 - Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director
 - Patient organisations
 - Health Protection Surveillance Centre
 - General medical/surgical physicians
 - Occupational health

- Academic institution
- Healthcare facilities Management

Meeting Frequency

- Four meetings a year
- At one of the four meetings, all members will attend in person if possible

Quorum

A minimum of 50% member attendances is required to render a meeting valid.

Review of the terms of reference

The terms of reference will be reviewed every two years, or as required.

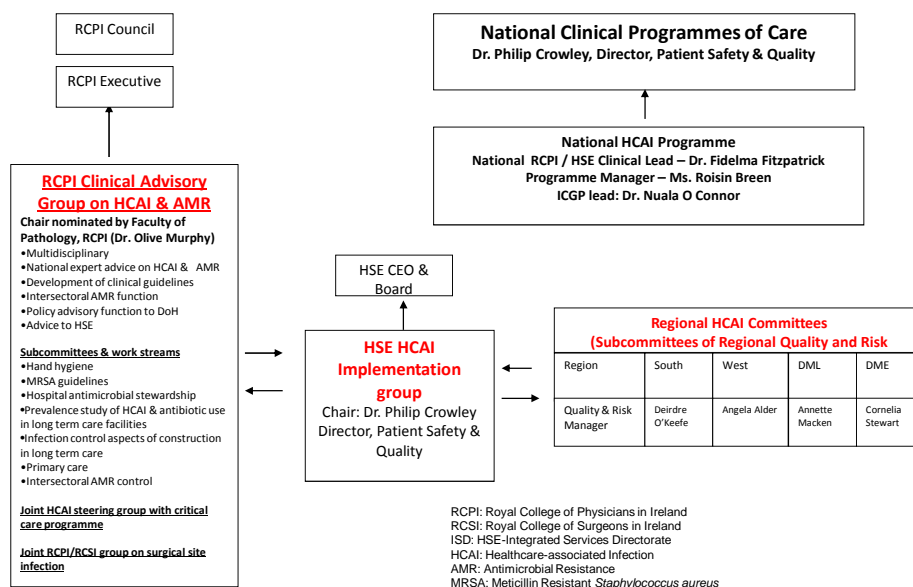


Figure 1: Governance structure of the HCAI and AMR programme in HSE and RCPI