

Infection Prevention & Control Monitoring Programme in Public Acute Hospitals

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Overview

- Functions & structure of HIQA
- National standards for the prevention & control of healthcare associated infection 2017
- 2018/2019 inspection methodology & key findings



HIQA Functions

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Health Information and Standards

Regulation



Four pillars delivering programmes of regulation in HIQA:

Older people's services

Disability services

Children's services

Healthcare

2018: Inspections of acute hospitals





2017 National Standards for the prevention and control of healthcareassociated infections in acute healthcare services



Health

Information





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Guide to HIQA's consolidated programme of monitoring against the *National Standards for the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections in acute healthcare services* in 2019

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Decontamination and reprocessing of reusable medical devices





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Inspection Methodology



Business Intelligence

Regulatory findings / unsolicited information Selfassessment responses and related documents

HSE hospital performance indicators.

National Patient Experience Survey

Publically reported information

Sample one-day unannounced hospital inspection schedule







Areas of good practice identified in 2018/ 2019



- Improved national oversight.
- Strengthened governance and management arrangements.
- Alert organism and alert condition surveillance
- Improved antimicrobial stewardship/ antimicrobial restriction
- Outbreak management
- Environmental hygiene and oversight of same

Areas for further improvement



- Communication/ patient discharge communication
- Infrastructure
- Maintenance
- Equipment hygiene and oversight of same
- Compliance with national CPE screening guidelines
- influenza vaccine uptake

Decontamination of reusable medical devices



Areas of good practice identified in 2018 / 2019:

- Governance & oversight
- Risk and incident management systems
- RMD Inventory
- Academic training and education progressing.
- Automated validated decontamination systems
- National electronic track and trace systems progressing.
- AED audit technical aspects all sites

Decontamination of reusable medical devices: Health Areas for further improvement in 2018/ 2019

- Facility design; ventilation, storage.
- microbiological environmental and equipment testing.
- Aging decontamination equipment.
- Continuous audit, feedback and quality improvement cycles.
- Cleaning specifications / auditing