

CCG37. Healthcare Associated Infection – Winter Performance Report

The committee considered a report by the Lead Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control, NHS Forth Valley which provided information on all Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) related activity across Falkirk and Bo'ness Community Hospitals from October to December 2019. The report provided details of all Staph aureus-bacteraemias Clostridioides difficile Infections, Escherichia coli bacteraemia and Device Associated Bacteraemias with a summary of the investigations carried out. The report style had been updated to provide more graphs to give a clearer understanding of the data.

Incidence and outbreaks across Forth Valley were identified through ICNet, microbiology or from the ward. The identification of outbreaks was determined following discussion with the Microbiologist. In the event of a declared outbreak a Problem Assessment Group or Incident Management Team meeting was held with staff from the area concerned and actions implemented to control further infection and transmission. All outbreaks were notified to Health Protection Scotland and Scottish Government.

The influenza season in Scotland started at the end of November. So far the season had been quieter than in previous years with fewer patients testing positive for flu. There had been no influenza cases in Falkirk Community Hospital or Bo'ness Community Hospital.

Decision

The committee noted the report.