

NHSNSS – SNBTS HAI Action Plan

1. Author(s) of Paper

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2. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Board of the outcome of a meeting with Representatives from the HAI Policy Unit at the Scottish Government Health Directorates which took place on Thursday 9 April 2009 and seek approval for implementation of recommendations.

The meeting was arranged at the request of the HAI Policy Unit to discuss future arrangements for monitoring progress of NHSNSS – SNBTS's compliance with the National HAI Action Plan.

3. Key Issues

NHSNSS – SNBTS have been advised of the requirement to comply (where appropriate) with the Scottish Government's National HAI Action Plan and ensure processes are put in place to enable compliance at the earliest opportunity. A modified version of the national reporting template will be developed by HAI Policy Unit and NHSNSS – SNBTS at a subsequent meeting for reporting progress to the Board.

Areas where compliance is particularly being sought are :-

- Hand Hygiene Audits/Zero Tolerance
- Environmental Cleanliness Audits

Progress is to be reported Bi-monthly to NHSNSS Board.

In addition, to ensure appropriate governance NHSNSS – SNBTS have been instructed to ensure that the annual work programme and subsequent annual report of the SNBTS Infection Control Committee are reviewed by the Clinical Governance Committee and the Board.

Hand Hygiene Co-ordinator(s) should be introduced to support delivery of this agenda.

4. Financial Implications

Funding has been provided to NHSNSS – SNBTS by the Scottish Government since 2006 to support the implementation of the Hand Hygiene Campaign.

2006/07 £6k 2007/08 £12k 2008/09 £12K 2009/10 £12k

Allocation of additional funding will be considered on the production of a Business Case.

Verbal confirmation was given that funding will continue beyond 2010.

5. Resource Implications

Due to the geographical spread, number and type of facilities utilised by SNBTS the appointment of Local Health Board Co-ordinator(s) (LHBC) for the National Hand Hygiene Campaign is being recommended. Guidance on the introduction of LHBC's is provided in the following Scottish Government Letters: -

CNO(2006) 2

National Hand Hygiene Campaign for Scotland: Local Health Board Co-ordinator – Job Description and Funding

and

SGHD/CNO (2007)1

Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI): Continuation of Funding for Local Health Board Co-ordinators from 2008/2009

6. Risk Implications

The organisation may be exposed to risk through failure to comply with National policy.

7. Equality & Diversity Implications

There are no Equality & Diversity implications associated with the paper.

8. Partnership Working

Partnership representation was in attendance at the aforementioned meeting on 9 April 2009.

9. Recommendation(s) for Decision

The Board are asked to note and approve the recommendations.