Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

TRUST BOARD
24th November 2011

TITLE	**Board of Directors' Agreement- Control of Infection and Cleanliness**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice for health and adult social care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance forms part of the CQC Registration process. The Trust reviews compliance with the CQC essential standards as an ongoing process. The Code has 10 criterion which will be used in assessing how providers meet the registration requirement for cleanliness and infection control. The first criterion is that the registered provider has an agreement within the organisation that outlines its collective responsibility for keeping to a minimum the risks of infection and the general means by which it will prevent and control such risks. The Trust Board publishes its agreement annually, the last time being November 2010 ; this has been reviewed and is attached for approval
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS	BAF risk 1.2 relates.
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	Control of Infection and the cleanliness of hospital premises is a very important issue to patients, staff and the public. The national patient surveys include questions on the patients' perception on cleanliness.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	None known
LEGAL ISSUES	None known
The Trust Board is asked to :	Agree the Board statement
Submitted by:	Dr Angela Shaw - DIPCI
Date:	23 November 2011
Decision	For approving

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This is a Trust Board of Directors Agreement outlining its collective responsibility for minimising the risks of infection to its patients and staff.

The Trust Board is committed to the Health Social Care Act 2008, the Code of Practice for health and adult social care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. This outlines the accountability of the Board in reducing healthcare associated infections and the importance of hospital cleanliness.

The risks of infection are included on the Trust's Corporate Risk Register and are reviewed regularly by the Infection Prevention and Control Team. The Register is also reviewed at the quarterly meeting of the Infection Control Committee, monthly by the Trust Executive Committee and on a quarterly basis by the Integrated Governance and Assurance Committee and by the Trust Board.

The Code outlines a need for management arrangements to include access to accredited microbiology services, clinical leadership, evidence based protocols and the design and maintenance of the environment to take into account infection prevention. The Control of Infection Committee reports to the Clinical Governance Committee providing sufficient information to assess assurance. The Director of Infection Prevention and Control reports directly to the Trust Board.

The Trust Board has requested regular appraisal of infection prevention and control related matters. It has endorsed its support to provide funds to assist in the minimisation of the risks of infection to all patients and staff.

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Chief Executive Chair of the Trust Board

Date :24 November 2011 Date: 24 November 20111