



# Infection Prevention Update

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# COVID-19: Social distancing

- Highly effective measure for preventing SARS-CoV2 transmission
- National IPC guidance 21/8/20:

“Physical distancing of 2 metres is considered standard practice in all health and care settings.”



# Social distancing: relaxation and risks

- Rising ED attendances and admissions
- Beds removed from bays already put back in Scarborough and on some wards in York
- Rising rates of COVID-19 in the community
- Increasing risk of transmission in hospital
- **Patients** – morbidity and mortality risk
- **Staff** – infection risk, self-isolation if PPE breach
- **Trust** – business continuity, reputation

# Social distancing: mitigating risk

- QIA / risk assessment for every ward
- Mitigations:
  - Configure beds/chairs to maximise distancing
  - Draw curtains
  - Offer and encourage mask use
  - Restrict visiting
  - One way systems
  - Ventilation
  - Cleaning
  - Respiratory etiquette & hand hygiene
  - Re-test all patients for COVID-19 on day 5-7 of admission

# Social distancing: requests

- Be aware of the risks of relaxing social distancing
- Seek assurance that all available mitigations are being used

# Social distancing in Yorkshire



# *Clostridium difficile* infection

- 2019-20: 136 cases (trajectory 61)
- Current performance (up to 28<sup>th</sup> September):

Site	2019	2020
York	31	14
Scarborough	39	19
Community	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>34</b>

# *C. difficile* infection: actions

- *C. difficile* Reduction Group (chaired by DIPC/DDIPC)
- Hydrogen peroxide vapour (HPV) cleaning:
  - 8 new machines purchased
  - Rented UV light machine for areas that can't be HPV'd
  - Expanded HPV team
  - Proactive cleaning programme at Scarborough of all wards including A&E (completion date 23<sup>rd</sup> October)





# *C. difficile* infection: actions

- Side rooms & Nightingale wards
  - Refurbishment of Ann Wright & Haldane creating 18 new side rooms (commences Oct 2020)
  - 6 admin rooms on York wards to be converted back for patients
- Beds
  - Cleaning and new cot side covers fitted to 361 of 423 beds needing upgrades
- IPC governance
  - IP nurses now ‘embedded’ in Care Groups
  - PIR for *C.diff* etc. migrated to Datix (from 1/11/20)
  - IPC performance reviews at CG Quality Meetings

# *C. difficile*: remaining challenges

- Antibiotic stewardship:
  - Restart ARK (Antibiotic Review Kit) in Scarborough
- Transfers:
  - Transfer team in Scarborough
  - Reduce patient moves during admission
- Decant space:
  - York: Ward 15 in use due to COVID-19
  - Scarborough: no plan