

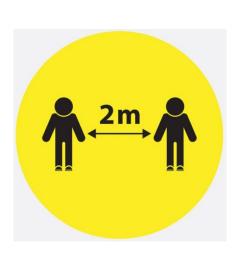
Infection Prevention Update

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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 28th September):

Site	2019	2020
York	31	14
Scarborough	39	19
Community	3	1
Total	73	34

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 23rd 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