

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

INFECTION CONTROL WORKING GROUP

Governors will recall that the Working Group was formed in May 2008 with the aim of ensuring that the Trust is doing everything possible to fulfil its objectives in the control and prevention of Healthcare Acquired Infections.

The terms of reference of the Working Group are being submitted to the Council of Governors for approval:

- To monitor Trust compliance with Infection Control and Prevention measures.
- To stimulate new thinking, and challenge both the organisation at large and its managers to find new approaches which will improve performance in the management of Infection Prevention and Control.
- To ensure that staff at all levels are supported and enabled to fulfill the Trust's Infection Control and Prevention Programme.
- To report periodically to the Council of Governors.
- To co-opt other Governors as Working Group members as necessary, as well as Trust staff, and representatives of external bodies. All co-opted members to serve for no longer than 12 months initially, at which time they may be recommended for a further term of 12 months, subject to the formal approval of the Council of Governors.

Since the last Council of Governors meeting, the Working Group has drawn up a plan of action, which focuses on:

1. **Exploration/Data Gathering:** finding out what works well, not so well, hurdles and blocks in the Trust's strategic and operational management of Infection control and prevention
(June – September 2008: attending key meetings and audits)
2. **Analysis** of data/meetings/audits **(September)**
3. **Action plans (October)**