

Infection Prevention & Control Report to Trust Board

Meeting Date – 3rd March 2022

1. Healthcare-Associated Infection (HCAI) Performance

Reduction Targets

The Department of Health for Northern Ireland has not yet issued new reduction targets for HCAs in 2021-22. These targets relate to *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*) associated disease, Meticillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteraemia and gram-negative bacteraemia (GNB), specifically *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella species* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Current Performance

The table below provides a breakdown of performance over the last three years compared with the most recently issued reduction targets, which relate to the year 2019-20.

Organism	Most Recently Issued Reduction Targets 2019-20	Actual Performance								
		2019-20			2020-21			2021-22		
		CAI	HAI	Total	CAI	HAI	Total	CAI	HAI	Total
MRSA Bacteraemia	5	4	0	4	6	1	7	5	4	9
<i>C. difficile</i>	56	26	37	63	35	31	66	32	41	73
GNB	49	N/A	59	59	N/A	40	40	N/A	37	37

Notes:

- CAI = Community-associated infection.
- HAI = Hospital-associated infection.
- The GNB reduction target applies to HAI cases only.
- Figures for 2021-22 do not cover the full year and are subject to change. They are correct as of 21st February 2022.