

Executive Board of Directors Statement of commitment to the principles of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Health Care Associated Infections

The successful management, prevention and control of infection is recognised by Dorset Heart Clinic as a key factor in the safe delivery of high quality care to our patients, the protection of our staff and visitors and the well-being of those in the local health community. The Board is aware of its duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2010.

The Board has collective responsibility for infection, prevention and control including minimising the risks of infection. The Board receives assurance that there are mechanism in place for minimising the risks of infection by means of the Infection Control Committee and Corporate Director of Infection Prevention and Control. Assurance is provided by reports, audit reports, root cause analysis reports and verbal presentations. The Infection Control Committee is a sub-committee of the Clinical Governance & Risk Management Committee. It has terms of reference and produces an annual plan, both of which are approved by the Board. In addition, the Board received its minute, annual and exception reports.

The Board is committed to the exemplary application of infection control practice within all areas of Dorset Heart Clinic. To this end the Board will ensure that all staff are provided with access to infection control advice with a fully resourced infection control and occupational health service, access to personal protective equipment and training and policies that provide up-to-date infection control knowledge. Individual and corporate responsibility for infection compliance will be stipulated as appropriate in all job descriptions with individual compliance monitored annually through the appraisal systems and personal development plans.

The policies in place at Dorset Heart Clinic and the arrangements set out above are to encourage, support and foster a culture of heart clinic wide responsibility for the prevention and control of infection in practice, with the aim of continually improving the safety of patient care and quality of services we provide. This extends to all relevant departments including, clinical support services, estates and ancillary services.

Endorsed and adopted by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:

Date: 9 December 2019



Dr. Ohri
Chief Executive
Dorset Heart Clinic