

Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN)

IPCQIN Newsletter - 10th Edition

Our Vision:

As an Improvement Network, we influence and support our staff, patients and carers to continuously improve person-centred infection prevention and control practices, ensuring a safe and effective care experience

Welcome to our December 2024, 10th Issue Newsletter!

The IPCQIN continues to meet every two months, and work is progressing across all workstreams. This will continue in the new year with our first meeting taking place on 14th January 2025.

Throughout the Winter the teams continue to prioritise improvement work across all Sectors and contribute to the actions of the IPCQIN workplan.

The workstreams will take turns having a spotlight on the newsletters to promote ongoing improvement work and share good practices.

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Vascular Access Device (VAD) Education and Competency Package



Our Infection Control & Prevention Network continues to focus on Education, Training and Quality Improvement.

VAD (Vascular Access Device)

NHSGGC have recently launched a new package of education and competency assessment for any practitioner involved in the care and maintenance of VADs. As part of this package, there is a new LearnPro module for practitioners to complete: GGC 329 Vascular Access

Devices. The module consists of a core module and a number of VAD specific modules. All practitioners involved in caring for VADs should complete the core module and then progress to complete the device specific modules for VADs they routinely care for in their clinical area. Practitioners are not required to complete any module related to VADs that they do not regularly care for. Once practitioners have completed the core module and any required VAD specific modules, they should then undertake supervised practice and competency assessment by a Vascular Access Device Champion. Evidence of supervised practice and competency assessment should be recorded in the associated VAD Record of Competency Achievement document.

A SLWG is being established to support the ongoing work of the Vascular Access Device education in terms of communication and promotion of the e-learning module.

More information on this VAD package, Champions, demonstration videos and care plans can be found

here: [https://scottish.sharepoint.com/sites/NHSGGCPracticeDevelopment/SitePages/Care-and-Maintenance-of-Vascular-Access-Devices-\(VADs\).aspx](https://scottish.sharepoint.com/sites/NHSGGCPracticeDevelopment/SitePages/Care-and-Maintenance-of-Vascular-Access-Devices-(VADs).aspx)

Please contact Practice Development for any queries via ggc.practicedevelopment.enquiries@nhs.scot

Person Centred Care Workstream



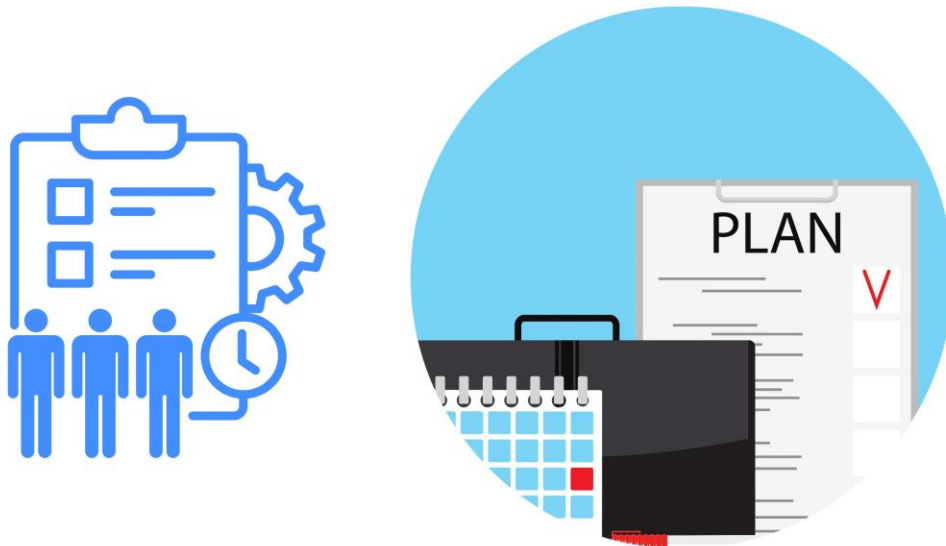
The Person-Centred Care workstream, as part of this year's WMTY (What Matters to You) Day, provided an opportunity to celebrate the meaningful conversations we've had and the positive outcomes for both the people we care for and their families. The Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) has played an important role in these efforts.

The data collection for *What Matters to Me* (WMTM) Day 2024 is now complete and expected to be reported at the IPCQIN Network in January 2025. The 10th Edition of the newsletter will include an update on the fingers of WMTY from the team.

The December edition of the IPC Newsletter was published in December 2024 and includes an *IPC Advent Calendar this year* - [Infection Prevention and Control Advent Calendar 2024!](#)

The team are also reviewing the newsletter distribution process to ensure accessibility for all staff!

South Sector SAB Group Update:



The South Sector continues to advance its efforts in reducing SAB rates through a range of targeted educational and quality improvement initiatives. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) teams are actively engaging with staff during "Lunch and Learn" events, while *PVC ward audits* are being trialed and promoted as part of Feedback Fridays. Wards or specialties experiencing increased SAB rates are encouraged to join the South Sector SAB Group to share learning and collaborate on improvement strategies.

In cases where wards report more than two SABs during a reporting period, deep dives are conducted to investigate and address repeated PVC-related cases, ensuring robust preventative measures are in place.

Key Actions for the Next Period:

- Enhance ward education and auditing processes while streamlining PICC line practices, with a focus on making information more user-friendly and accessible.
- Increase awareness and rollout of *VAD champions* to support best practices.
- Complete the ongoing audit of IV cannula placements following recent SOP changes.
- Develop comprehensive patient information for all vascular access devices.
- Engaging junior medics by focusing on targeted education and engagement strategies at ground-floor levels.

These initiatives demonstrate the South Sector's commitment to fostering learning, driving improvements, and ensuring the highest standards of care.

If you'd like to get involved with the South Sector SAB Group or support any of these initiatives, please reach out to [insert relevant contact names and email addresses].

If you would like to get involved with this piece of work or the South Sector SAB Group, please get in touch with Geraldine Marsh Geraldine.Marsh2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or Sara.Quinn@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

North Sector SAB Group Update:



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The North Sector SAB group continues to meet regularly to review and discuss key areas of improvement, with a focus on identified "hotspots." These meetings provide an opportunity for teams to share their ongoing work and foster valuable shared learning across the sector.

Currently, the group is piloting a newly developed audit tool for PVC/CVC insertion and maintenance using eForms. This initiative aims to streamline data collection and improve compliance with best practices.

Ongoing initiatives within the North Sector include IPC Interactive Days for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Healthcare Support Workers (HCSWs), weekly IPC ward visits focusing on CAUTI, SAB, ECB toolbox talks, outbreak escalation processes, hand hygiene, and PPE compliance, as well as outbreak walk rounds scheduled for January 2025, with themes and outcomes to be shared across the network. There is also a targeted focus on addressing needs in older people's rehabilitation areas to improve infection prevention practices in these high-priority settings.

Testing of the PVC/CVC 'sweep' audit tool will also continue, ensuring its effectiveness.

In addition, a presentation on the purpose and governance of the Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) was delivered to the North Sector SAB group. Plans are now in place to replicate this presentation in other sectors to raise staff awareness and encourage engagement with IPCQIN.

If you would like to get involved with this work or the North Sector SAB Group, please contact Ashleigh Irons at Ashleigh.Irons@ggc.scot.nhs.uk, Gillian Mills at Gillian.mills2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk, or David McCrimmon at David.mccrimmon@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

CAUTI Group Update:



A Bladder Health/CAUTI Short Life Working Group (SLWG) has been established to take a collaborative, system-wide approach to improving care pathways for patients with indwelling urinary catheters. This initiative focuses on providing patient-centred, safe, and effective care across both Acute and Community settings.

The group held its inaugural meeting on September 27, 2024, with multidisciplinary membership drawn from across IPCQIN. Key highlights from the first meeting include:

- Launch of a Quality Improvement (QI) project in Glasgow aiming to reduce 6,000 unplanned catheter changes annually by 50%.

- Finalisation of the NHSGGC catheter guidance, which is nearing completion.
- Agreement on the Terms of Reference and scheduling of bimonthly meetings.
- Creation of a Teams channel to act as a centralised information repository for all members.

The group's ongoing workplan includes exploring the HOUDINI protocol, finalising the NHSGGC catheter passport, enhancing the GC competency framework, and refining related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Key Aims of the Group:

- Optimise bladder health and minimise the risk of CAUTIs and UTIs.
- Standardise catheter care documentation and re-launch the catheter passport.
- Support nurses with evidence-based guidance for catheter management.
- Use data to measure outcomes and drive improvements.

This partnership represents a system-wide effort to foster collaboration across NHSGGC and improve the quality of care for patients.

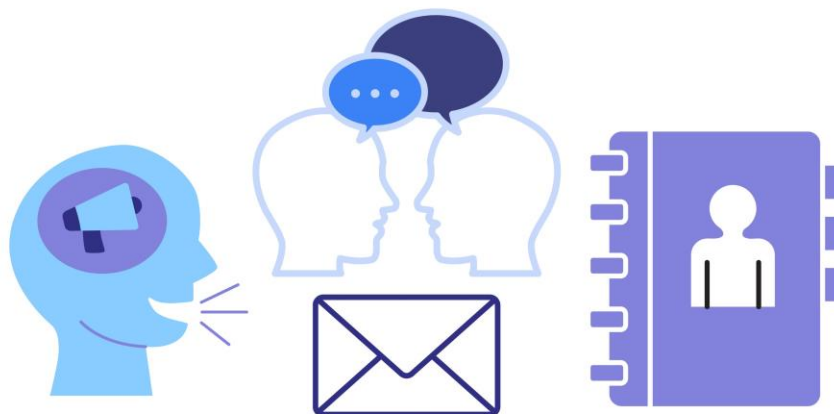
Get Involved:

If you would like to contribute to this important work, please contact Laura Moore, Chief Nurse – Inverclyde HSCP, at laura.moore2@nhs.scot.

For a quick resource, check out the CAUTI Toolbox Talk on the NHSGGC website.

We look forward to sharing progress and outcomes from this initiative in future updates!

IPCQIN Workstream Contacts:



For any queries/suggestions, or if you would like to become a member of any of the workstream groups mentioned above, please contact Mark Cooper, Business Manager -- Acute Deputy Nurse Director, at Mark.Cooper2@nhs.scot (currently covering for Kara Black, Business Manager - Infection Control).

If you would like to get involved in any of the workstreams for the IPCQIN, please get in touch with the following contacts;

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IPCQIN Next Steps for December - February



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- *The next IPCQIN meeting is scheduled for 14th January 2025.*
 - *The work plan continues to support reviewing and planning improvements and actions. Workstreams will take turns having a 'spotlight' section on the workplan at the IPCQIN meetings going forward.*
 - *The 11th edition of the IPCQIN newsletter will be published in February following this meeting, which will spotlight updates from a couple of the workstreams; including Clyde and Regional SAB groups.*
 - *Updates will be provided to the Quality Strategy Group when required.*
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We are always on the lookout for positive work or stories relating to Infection Prevention Control -- don't hesitate to get in touch.
