

## Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN)

# IPCQIN Newsletter - 9th 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*

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***Welcome to our September 2024, 9th Issue Newsletter!***

*The IPCQIN continues to meet every two months, and work is progressing across all workstreams.*

*Throughout the Autumn 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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## Infection Control & Prevention - Education & Improvement



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

### **VAD (Vascular Access Device)**

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 – a collection of training videos have been created and published on the following YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@nhsggc-staffinfotraining325/videos> - ([Flushing a Vascular Access Device \(VAD\) \(youtube.com\)](#))

### **CAUTI (Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection)**

Following discussions at the recent IPCQIN meeting, a *Bladder Health/CAUTI Short Life Working Group (SLWG)* has been set up. This group will take a collaborative, system-wide approach to

improving pathways for individuals with indwelling urinary catheters, focusing on patient-centred, safe, and effective care across Acute & Community setting . The first meeting is scheduled for 27th September, with membership drawn from across a multidisciplinary team across Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN).

Key aims of the group include optimising bladder health, minimising the risk of CAUTIs and UTIs, sharing learning across NHSGGC, and using data to measure outcomes and drive improvements. The group will also focus on standardising catheter care documentation, re-launching the catheter passport, and supporting nurses with evidence-based guidance for catheter management. We look forward to sharing this work!

This initiative represents a partnership approach, ensuring collaboration across NHSGGC to enhance the quality of care for our patients.

If you would like to get involved with this piece of work - please contact Laura Moore, Chief Nurse - Inverclyde HSCP [laura.moore2@nhs.scot](mailto:laura.moore2@nhs.scot)

Please see attached link to short toolbox talk on CAUTI! - [CAUTI Toolbox Talk - NHSGGC](#)

## Person Centred Care Workstream



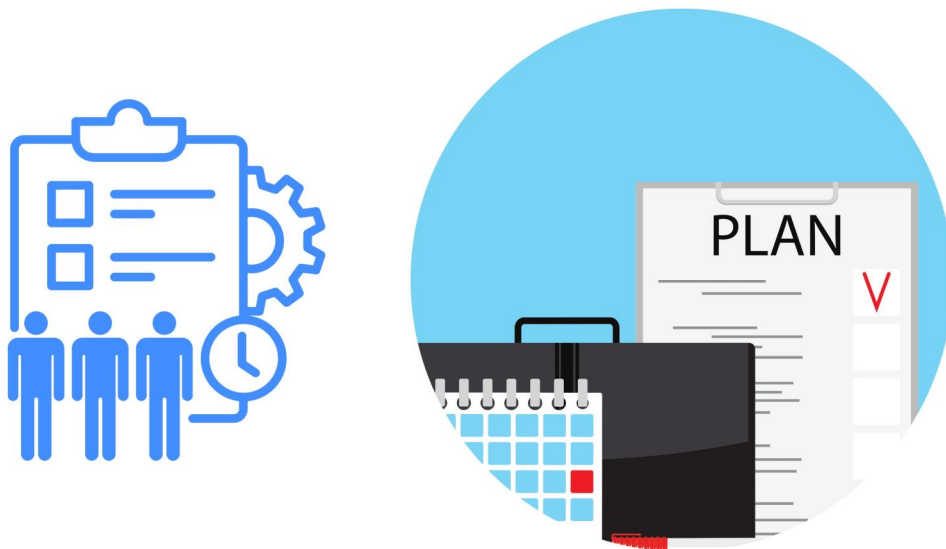
The Person-Centred Care workstream, as part of this year's WMTY (What Matters to You) Day, provided an opportunity to celebrate the meaningful conversations we've had and the positive outcomes for both the people we care for and their families. The Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) has played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

The data collection for *What Matters to Me* (WMTM) Day 2024 is now complete following work over a four-week period, focusing on Peripheral Venous Catheter (PVC) devices and whether patients were given verbal or written info at time of insertion. The team have gathered over 150 responses so far using MS Forms.

Additionally, the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) IPC team visited Mental Health wards to engage with staff about their knowledge of glove use, interacting with around 50 staff members in total.

The August edition of the IPC Newsletter was recently circulated, which included a quiz with a prize to encourage participation. While the feedback has been positive, there is an opportunity to broaden the newsletter's reach. We plan to collaborate with our Communications and Staff Experience colleagues to explore additional platforms, such as social media, to ensure we reach a wider audience.

## North Sector SAB Group Update:



The North Sector SAB group continues to meet every two months to review and discuss key areas, focusing on identified "hotspots." These meetings provide a platform for teams in these areas to share their ongoing improvement work, fostering valuable shared learning. Currently, the group is focusing on the use of vascular access devices (VADs) in Emergency Departments (ED) and Acute Assessment Units (AAU), exploring whether these devices are always necessary.

The ED Practice Development Nurse will be conducting a review of the current processes and improvement plans in ED/AAU. Updates will be shared at the next North Sector SAB group meeting, with key learning points also presented at the November Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) meeting.

If you would like to get involved with this piece of work or the North Sector SAB Group, please get in touch with Ashleigh Irons [Ashleigh.Irons@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Ashleigh.Irons@ggc.scot.nhs.uk), Gillian Mills [Gillian.mills2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Gillian.mills2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) or David McCrimmon [David.mccrimmon@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:David.mccrimmon@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

## Renal SAB Group Update:



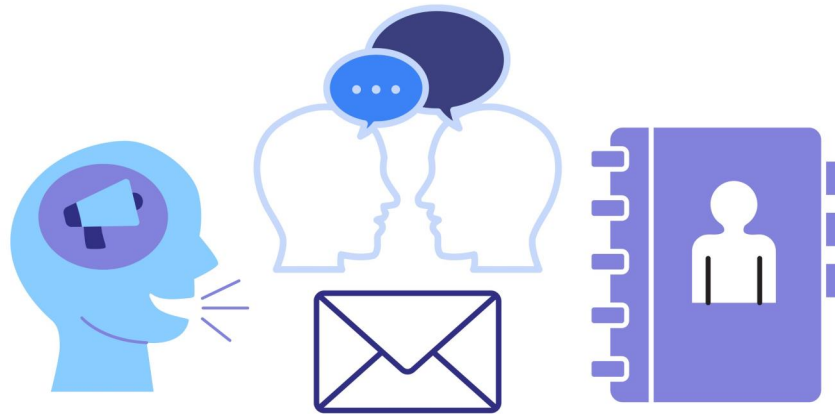
In our previous update, Regional Services completed a peer assurance cycle (April–June), which included peer audits of Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) and enhanced supervision audits. Out of the audits conducted, 45 were rated green, with 10 receiving amber ratings. Thanks to targeted support, two of the amber audits have since improved to green, and ongoing support is being provided by IPC and local nursing teams to complete action plans for the remaining areas.

Renal Services have also made strides in patient education, continuing to promote the updated patient leaflet for tunnelled central venous catheters (tCVC), which now includes a section on “Caring for Your Line.” Additionally, our practices for cleaning line hubs have been updated, and we’ve launched the “Scrub the Hub” campaign, which the Infection Control Team has adapted for broader use.

Moving forward - the group look to develop a series of patient education videos covering topics such as the tCVC insertion procedure, long-term catheter care, and recognising signs of infection and will be starting the next peer audit cycle from October to December, focusing on SICPs, Enhanced Supervision, and CCAAT audits.

If you would like to get involved with the work of the Renal SAB group, please contact Dr Peter Thomson [Peter.Thomson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Peter.Thomson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) or Lynsay Creighton [Lynsay.Creighton@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Lynsay.Creighton@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

## IPCQIN Workstream Contacts:



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*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 September - November



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- *The next IPCQIN meeting is scheduled for 5th November 2024.*
  - *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 10th edition of the IPCQIN newsletter will be published in November following this meeting, which will spotlight updates from a couple of the workstreams; including Clyde and South Sector SAB Groups.*
  - *Updates will be provided to the Quality Strategy Group when required.*
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***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](mailto:Mark.Cooper2@nhs.scot) (currently covering for Kara Black, Business Manager - Infection Control).***

*We are always on the lookout for positive work or stories relating to Infection Prevention Control --  
don't hesitate to get in touch.*

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