

Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN)

IPCQIN Newsletter

July 2024

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 July 2024, 8th Issue Newsletter!

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

Throughout the summer 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.

In this newsletter:

- *North, South and Renal workstream updates.*
- *What Matters to You Day 2024*

- *QI work promoting Antimicrobial IVOST (reducing IV cannulation)*
 - *Contacts for getting involved in the workstreams.*
 - *Next Steps*
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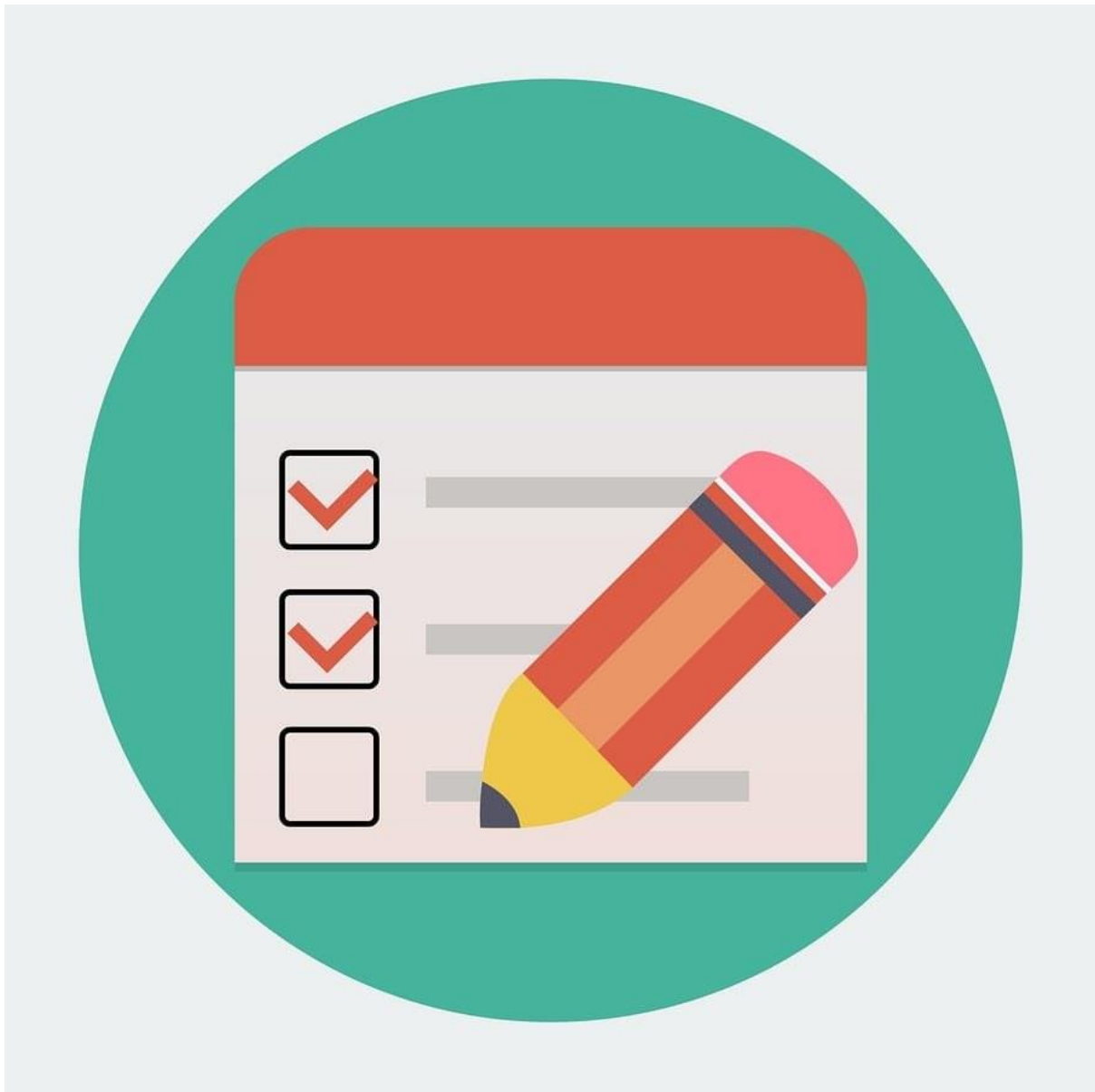
North Sector SAB Group Update:



The North Sector SAB group have been focussing on ED/AAU improvement work regarding the use of VAD and if they are always necessary. The ED Practice Development Nurse will be reviewing the ED/AAU current process and improvement plan, with a view to providing further updates at the North Sector SAB group and to share associated learning.

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, Gillian Mills Gillian.mills2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or David McCrimmon David.mccrimmon@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

South Sector SAB Group Update:



The South sector SAB group is now approaching 6 months of running. An action plan has included inviting areas of higher SAB numbers to discuss their actions and processes with the SAB working group to support shared learning and oversight. Education on SAB's and dealing with indwelling devices is being increased including dates with lunch and learn, medical education on induction and patient education.

As part of what matters to me, patients are being asked what information/ form of information they would like on any indwelling devices and local PVC audits are being developed.

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

Renal SAB Group Update:



The local Renal SAB group targeted the improvement and development of patient and staff education in relation to the care of Tunnelled central venous catheters, TCVCs used for haemodialysis treatment.

The group completed the following;

- Updated the patient TCVC information leaflet to include a section on "Caring for your line".
- Reviewed and updated the practice in relation to cleaning of line hubs and developed the "Scrub the Hub" campaign that ICPT have now adapted for wider use. MI Order Number - 345571 v1.0.
- In collaboration with two patients, created a patient education poster that is now available to order via MI and is widely shared within the RDU and inpatient areas. MI Order Number - 350779.
- Provided the above information for the renal patient APP which is due to go live shortly - "Via the appropriate app store for your device, please search for "Right Decisions: Health & Care", then look for 'Glasgow Kidney Unit'"
- Introduced TEGO connectors for use within all GGC renal areas, whilst these are impregnated with an anti-microbial barrier to protect the line from contamination, the primary reason for our introduction was to act as a bridge between the bloodline and TCVC in order to prevent damage to the patient's access

Going forward, the aim is to complete a series of patient education videos covering information about the TCVC insertion procedure, long term catheter care and recognising signs of infection.

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 or Lynsay Creighton Lynsay.Creighton@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

What Matters to You Day 2024



The WMTY Day provides a time to celebrate the conversations we have had and the positive outcomes for the people we care for and their families, which the Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) were involved in.

The Acute focus was on PVCs and if patients were given verbal or written information at time of insertion.

The Mental Health focus – linking in with “Gloves Off” campaign and reviewing staff knowledge.

The information gathered will be taken forward by informing improvement actions and continuing to develop patient information.

QI Work Promoting Antimicrobial IVOST (reducing IV cannulation)

There is QI work ongoing promoting Antimicrobial IVOST (reducing IV cannulation) to improve antimicrobial stewardship, reduce patient risk of line infections including SABS, and improve value-based healthcare and environmental sustainability.

This work has also been published, please click the links below for further information:

- [BSAC Spring Conference Met QI Scale & Spread Clyde 2024](#)
- [P21 Promoting antimicrobial stewardship and sustainability utilizing a ‘Go Green’ IV to oral switch \(IVOST\) policy and electronic prescribing prompts in antimicrobials with high oral bioavailability | JAC-Antimicrobial Resistance | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)
- [P03 Improving antimicrobial stewardship and sustainability by promoting oral metronidazole in eligible surgical patients at the Royal Alexandra Hospital | JAC-Antimicrobial Resistance | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)

Furthermore, the QI work was recently presented at the NHS Scotland Event 2024, [Go Green IVOST NHS Scotland Event 2024](#).

This work is currently being scaled and spread across NHSGGC and nationally.

If you would like further information or get involved in promoting the QI work, please contact Dr Rachael Rodger Rachael.Rodger@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

IPCQIN Workstream Contacts:



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



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- *The next IPCQIN meeting will be scheduled for September 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 9th edition of the IPCQIN newsletter will be published in September, which will spotlight updates from a couple of the workstreams.*
 - *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 work-stream groups mentioned above, please contact Kara Black, Infection Prevention and Control Business Manager on Kara.Black@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
