Dear Parent / Carer

We have been giving you regular updates on the measures we have been taking to enhance the environment on the ward.

As you are aware we have already taken a range of measures including a programme of enhanced cleaning.

We have undertaken extensive testing of all the water systems in the ward and there still remains no source to link the infections to the ward environment or our infection control practices.

As a precautionary measure we are continuing to undertake further investigations and testing and to facilitate these we will continue to divert a small number of admissions. Outpatients and day cases are continuing as normal

We also undertook a range of audits of infection control practices within the ward. The results from these audits were within the accepted limits and our plan is to continue these on an ongoing basis.

Prophylactic antibiotics are being prescribed to patients on the ward and we continue to work closely with Health Protection and Health Facilities Scotland.

We would once again like to thank all the parents for their continued support whilst these measures remain in place and further investigations continue.

We would also ask the parents and visitors to continue to assist us by adhering to our advice on good hand hygiene practice when in the ward.

As you are aware our clinical, nursing and infection control staff are available if you wish to discuss anything further.