

## **Appendix 2 – Responsibilities of the Board Chief Executive**

### **The Board Chief Executive must:**

1. Be aware of his/her legal responsibilities to identify, assess and control risks of infection in the workplace
2. Appoint an Executive Lead for Infection Control as defined by HDL (2001)10
3. Appoint an Infection Control Manager (ICM) who has sufficient resources to undertake the role.
4. Be aware of factors within the organisation which promote low levels of HAI and ensure appropriate action is taken
5. Ensure that Infection Prevention & Control Teams work with bed managers to optimise bed use, assess the infection impact of bed management policies, and implement changes to local policy to minimise the risks of infection.
6. Designate the control of infection as a core part of the organisation's Clinical Governance and Patient Safety programmes.
7. Ensure that there is progress towards appropriate provision of isolation facilities.
8. Ensure that charge nurses have the authority to require local cleaning services to act on any problems identified as described in HDL (2005)7.