

Appendix 5 – Responsibilities of an ICD

Infection Control Doctors (ICD)

The role and function of the Infection Control Doctors (ICD) is to provide strategic leadership in conjunction with the ICM and Lead IPCN for infection prevention and control to NHS Fife.

The ICDs:

- Should have allocated specific sessions for infection control across NHS Fife.
- Will usually be a Consultant in Medical Microbiology.
- Will be accountable to the Medical Director, and report to the HAI Executive Lead.
- Should be trained in all aspects of infection control.

The ICDs must:

- Provide strategic leadership in conjunction with the ICM and Lead IPCN for infection prevention and control to NHS Fife.
- Provide specialist expert advice on the control of infection for the IPCC and NHS Fife.
- Adopt national evidence-based guidance to ensure that patients are treated according to best practice.
- Ensure adequate infection control advice is available to all NHS Fife staff at all times.
- Work in partnership with the Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) to deliver a comprehensive and effective IPC service.
- Attend Board IPCT and IPCC meetings to ensure IPC concerns are addressed at a strategic level.
- Lead or advise on the investigation and management of outbreaks, clusters, and incidents of healthcare-associated infections.
- Provide expert microbiological advice on alert organisms/conditions, review surveillance data, support prudent antimicrobial prescribing, and contribute to IPC policy development and implementation of standards.
- Collaborate with estates, facilities, engineering, and other healthcare-built environment teams to assess infection risks related to water, air, ventilation, decontamination, new builds, and upgrades.
- Provide expert microbiological advice on water safety issues as part of the Board Water Safety Group.