

**Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (QVH)**

This is a Board of Directors' Agreement outlining its collective responsibility for minimising the risks of infection to its in-patients, out-patients and staff.

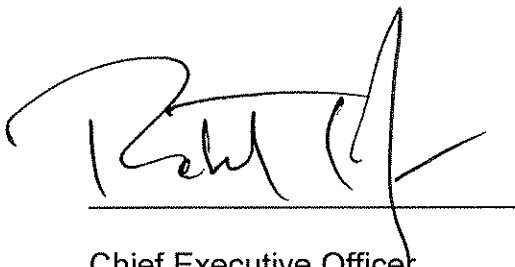
The Board of Directors is committed to the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections as outlined in The Health & Social Care Act 2008. Clean, Safe Care (DH 2008) outlines the accountability of the Board in reducing infections and the importance of hospital cleanliness.

The Board has ensured that the risks of infection are included on the Trust's Risk Register and reviewed monthly by the Infection Prevention & Control Team.

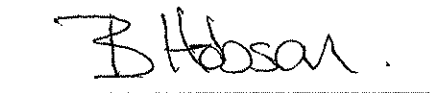
The Code outlines a need for management arrangements to include accredited microbiology services, clinical leadership, evidence based protocols and the design and maintenance of the environment to take into account infection prevention. The Infection Prevention & Control Committee reports to the Quality & Risk Committee (a sub committee of the Board of Directors) providing sufficient information to assess assurance.

The Board of Directors has requested regular appraisal of infection, prevention and control related matters. It has endorsed its support to provide funds to assist in the minimisation of the risks of infection to all patients and staff.

Signed:



Chief Executive Officer



Chair of Board of Directors

Date: APRIL 2015

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