

TO: West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust Board

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
April 2004 to March 2005**

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This is the first annual report from the Directors of Infection Prevention and Control on behalf of the Gloucestershire Primary Care Trusts [PCTs] and the Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust. The report provides the progress of the Infection Control Team Work programme 2004/05 which includes education and training, audit, surveillance, general support and professional development. It also gives details of the work programme, priorities and looking ahead to 2005/06 this includes 'clean your hands' campaign and Standards for Better Health.

2.0 NATIONAL CONTEXT

2.1 There has been a tranche of Department of Health reports, frameworks and actions for addressing healthcare associated infection which has strengthened the role and accountability of NHS organisations in responding to the management of infections (please see policy for full details).

2.2 New arrangements for the performance assessment of all NHS organisations are currently being drawn up by the Healthcare Commission and will be based on new national healthcare standards "*Standards for Better Health*". The key standards relevant to infection prevention and control are around safety and environment and amenities.

3.0 LOCAL CONTEXT

3.1 With the creation of Primary Care Trusts [PCTs], as part of the last major NHS re-organisation in April 2002, the county's infection control management arrangements were reviewed. It was decided to move to separate acute and community [including mental health and learning disability services] management arrangement through two Infection Control Committees. The leadership of the Community Infection Control Committee, covering the three Gloucestershire Primary Care Trusts and the Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust, was vested with Cotswold & Vale Primary Care Trust. The acute Trust Infection Control Committee incorporates the Gloucestershire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Board are asked to agree the Terms of Reference for the Community Infection Control Committee and note the contents of the Annual Report.