

Appendix B:

The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust recognises that the Health Act 2006 introduced a statutory duty on NHS organisations from October 1st 2006 to observe the provision of the Code of Practice on Healthcare Associated Infections. As a result the Board has reviewed its arrangements and is assured that it has suitable systems and arrangements in place to ensure that the Code is being observed at this Trust.

Specifically the Board can confirm that it has taken steps to minimise the risk of healthcare acquired infection to patients in accordance with The Health Act 2006 Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections.

The Trust has specific improvement programmes in place with focus on

- Clean Hospital Environment
- MRSA
- *Clostridium difficile*

The effect of the programme is already visible. The hospital is a cleaner and safer place for patients with fewer cases of MRSA and *Clostridium difficile*.

The Board is especially pleased to report the lowest number of MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* for the last five years.

The Board has no complacency. An important enhanced MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* programme will be launched shortly. It includes seven days a week diagnostics of MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* together with extensive MRSA admission screening.

The Board appreciate the collaboration and support from the community and is looking forward to keep the public informed about our progress.