

# @SWBQuality #weLearnWednesday **Lightning Learning No.7:** Infection Prevention Control (IPC)

Sandwell and West Birmingham

### What's the Issue?

26 cases of C. difficile infection between April and September 2022. There is an NHSE trajectory of no more than 41 cases for 2022-23. This means the Trust is significantly over trajectory.

E. coli bacteraemia: There is a NHSI/E trajectory of no more than 51 cases for 2022-23 There have been 27 cases between April

Klebsiella bacteraemia: There is a NHSI/E trajectory of no more than 14 cases for 2022-23. There have been 9 cases between April and September 2022. The Trust is therefore above this trajectory. and September 2022. This means at the end of September the Trust is 2 cases over trajectory for this point in the year.

#### WHAT WE HAVE OBSERVED

#### **BAD HABITS**

- Wearing Jewellery always be bare below the elbows
- Use of Sellotape or Micro-Fixing for Posters etc.
- Inappropriate use of green stickers on tables, chairs, work surfaces or the macerator. Remember you may need to clean equipment again before re-use

#### YOU CAN TAKE YOUR **GLOVES OFF WHEN**

Taking patient observations

- Dressing a patient
- Washing a patient, mobilising or assisting with transfer e.g., bed to chair,
- Handling used linen - unless visibly soiled.
- Giving oral medication
- Preparing and administering IV medication via a cannula
- Sub cut or IM injections
- Writing on charts, entering information into computers on wheels
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## THE LEARNING Do not wear gloves when





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