

**Application for registration with the Care Quality Commission in relation to  
healthcare associated infection****Part 1: Details for registration.**

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(For all electronic communication with respect to this application)

**Part 2: Statement of Compliance with the proposed requirement for the  
regulation of regulated activities relating to health care associated  
infections (HCAI) that will, subject to Parliamentary approval, come into  
force on 1 April 2009.**

Requirement: A service provider in respect of carrying on of a regulated activity must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure that patients, healthcare workers and others who may be at risk of acquiring a healthcare associated infection, are protected against identifiable risks of acquiring such an infection by the means specified in the regulations.

**Statement: The trust considers it is, and will continue to be, in compliance with this requirement that will, subject to parliamentary approval, come into force on 1 April 2009.**

- ☒ **Compliant**                      ☐ **Not Compliant**

**Part 3: Statement on whether the criteria set out in the Code of Practice about compliance with the regulation on HCAs are being, and will continue to be, met.**

(The supporting guidance to the Code of Practice illustrates how each of these criteria may be reliably met. Declaration of an improvement plan to strengthen systems of compliance will not necessarily be reflected in conditions being imposed on registration: this will be reserved for cases where it is considered there is a need for action to address a significant risk of the registration requirement being breached.)

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**Criterion 3: The trust provides suitable and sufficient information on HCAI to patients and the public and to other service providers when patients move to the care of another healthcare or social care provider**

**meets**

**Criterion 4: The trust ensures patients presenting with an infection or who acquire an infection during care are identified promptly and receive appropriate management and treatment to reduce the risk of transmission**

**meets**

**Criterion 5: The trust gains the co-operation of staff, contractors and others involved in the provision of healthcare in preventing and controlling infection**

**meets**

**Criterion 6: The trust provides or can secure adequate isolation facilities**

**meets**

**Criterion 7: The trust secures adequate access to laboratory support**

**meets**

**Criterion 8: The trust has, and adheres to, appropriate policies and protocols for the prevention and control of HCAI**

**meets**

**Criterion 9: The trust ensures, so far as is reasonably practicable, that healthcare workers are free of and are protected from exposure to communicable infections during the course of their work, and that all staff are suitably educated in the prevention and control of HCAI**

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## **Part 4: Supplementary Information to support this application.**

Trusts may wish to record here significant information that provides additional evidence that the requirement to protect patients, healthcare workers and others from identifiable risks of acquiring an HCAI are, and will continue to be, met. This should include confirmation whether any planned action to address non-compliance in the Core Standards Declaration for 2007/08 regarding C4a, C4c and C21 has been completed, or will be by 31 March 2009. It may also include a brief comment on how well targets on the reduction of HCAI, as appropriate, are being met.

A recent visit (1 and 2 October 2008) by the Healthcare Commission to examine our performance on duties 2,4 and 8 concluded that the Trust was breaching on 5 sub-duties. We have already taken steps to correct 4 of these. There remains sub-duty 4f where we are awaiting out-sourcing of our CSSD facilities as part of a Department of Health led consortium. This project is timetabled to complete in early 2010. Our risk register describes the residual risk and we believe we have introduced contingencies to ensure a safe service in the interim period.

In respect of Standards For Better Health we are compliant against C4a and C21 but have residual issues with C4c as described above for duty 4f of the Hygiene Code.

Our performance on HCAI has been excellent. Our CDiff levels have reduced by more than 75% and we are (one of) the most improved Trust(s) in England, according to HPA figures. Also MRSA bacteraemias are much reduced (11 at end December against a trajectory of 21 for the year and compared to 37 reported in 2007/08).

## **Part 5: Indication of willingness to receive notices by electronic communication.**

The trust is willing to receive notices with respect to this application for registration by electronic communication to the email address provided in Part 1.

(This will include any notice of proposals and the notice of decision provided by ss 26 & 28 of the 2008 Act)

## **Part 6: Electronic sign off by the trust chief executive.**

Name of chief executive:

Mr Jan Filochowski

Signature of chief executive .....

Date of chief executive sign-off.....

Name of person completing the electronic form:

Mr Graham Ramsay

It is an offence under section 37 of the 2008 Act to make a statement that is false or misleading in a material aspect in an application form

Please ensure that the form does not contain any confidential information about patients or staff.