

# FRIDAY BULLETIN



## Gloves Off Campaign

The Infection Prevention & Control Team (IPCT) has launched a Trust-wide 'Gloves off' campaign. The campaign aims to reduce the incidence of healthcare-associated infections and improve sustainability by providing staff with the required knowledge and skills to enable them to risk assess and make informed decisions surrounding the need for gloves.

### Reducing the incidence of healthcare-associated infection

The incidence of healthcare-associated Gram negative bloodstream infections has increased by one third over the last 3 years and healthcare-associated C. difficile infections have increased by a quarter since 2019. CPE is also on the rise, with a significant number of patients having acquired this whilst in our care.

### Improve sustainability

Within the last three years, it is estimated that the demand for gloves in England has increased by 11 and a half billion per year, which obviously has cost implications but also has a massive impact on sustainability. Most of the environmental damage is done during the manufacturing process. However, there is also an accumulation in landfill with an estimated time of glove decomposition being several decades to hundreds of years.



## Personnel Change

As of the 12 August 2024 Jane Robinson will be returning to the Volunteer Services team from her work with the Recruitment team. At the same time, Keith will be leaving the Volunteer Services team and returning to Recruitment.