

	301	18/08/21 - Anonymised comments on the IPC framework to be sent to NR
	302	18/08/21 - NR to circulate to the Cell a proposal for the inclusion of an additional point of hand hygiene within the apron doffing guide following a request from adult social care. For discussion at the next meeting.
1	Minutes of last meeting Minutes of meeting were circulated to cell. Any amendments to be sent to the Cell/ NR	
2	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference <p>ToR was circulated to the cell; comments have been received and governance and legal discussions and advice have also taken place. The cell was asked to approve the document at this meeting. The current ToR reflects the cell arrangements for emergency response as of January 2020. Regular reviews are to take place going forward for emergency response. A new ToR would be required should the UK IPC cell move to a different remit/arrangement.</p> <p>As the cell was established for emergency response LR will discuss with NHSEI EPRR colleagues the process for changes to the remit of cell.</p> <p>NR highlighted the importance to have formality of the review of ToRs and recognise the reflections and functionality of the present day. There should be opportunity for a quality improvement approach to ToR as the cell exists to ensure engagement of stakeholders and reflection of the wider aspects of IPC within the framework.</p> <p>ED informed that the current ToR commits for regular review via the cell and is to be a standing agenda item at every second meeting once approved.</p> <p>LI stated that consideration is required for the design of the cell in the future prior to ToR as suggests this reflects how England stakeholder engagement, structures and processes are already in place within the Scotland manual.</p> <p>NR highlighted that there are some outstanding issues with the ownership of the cell and the governance of decision making which need to be addressed in the future i.e. what is the decision-making process if there is no agreement. It would be good to describe those processes for the next incarnation.</p> <p>LR stated currently work with a consensus view however, escalation of any disagreement may need to be included in the next ToR.</p> <p>LI added that country specific governance will be required as to what guidance is included in each DA with mechanisms in place to allow countries to go down a different path should there be any disagreement or need to move at a different pace. The Scottish addendum specifies it provides Scottish context based on the UK guidance principles. Services requirements will always have potential to differ from one country to another.</p> <p>Members of cell approved and signed off the updated ToR, which reflects current arrangements, and is to be reviewed regularly as outlined above. Next review date will be 15 September 2021. A separate process for any future arrangements will be worked through as and when required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKHSA IPC review - Comments from IPC Cell <p>NR updated that meeting took place with NHS colleagues to review the 3 NPIs (non pharmaceutical interventions) for elective surgery pathways only. Focusing on 1) stepping down the enhanced cleaning for COVID where it is safe to do so. 2) Testing of patients who come in through elective care pathways and discussions as to whether a LFT is sufficient for double vaccinated patients or a PCR is required as per NICE guidance and development of a risk assessment. 3) Reduction of 2 metre physical</p>	