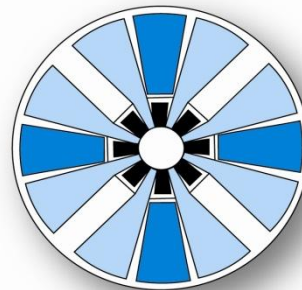


Taking Infection Prevention To The Next Level?

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Where Have We Come from

- Pre-antibiotic era; death from infection very common
- The antibiotic age ó infection conquered!
- Reawakening in the 1990s ó awareness of antibiotic resistance
- Media storm and national focus

Moving away from acceptance . 2000 and beyond

- National reports on the scale of the problem
- Perception that things were too difficult to change, and infection was inevitable.
 - ó -Its just *Clostridium difficile*ø
 - ó -Infection is unavoidableø

National Focus and Targets

- Target for MRSA bacteraemia reduction - challenging for most
- Felt by many to be impossible to achieve
- Strong performance management
- Focussed local leadership and action
- Outcome =
 - ó We have achieved the 'unachievable'

Where Are We Now?

- National and professional acceptance of problem, and the need to protect patients
- Infection prevention and control embedded into national performance and quality frameworks
- Exciting developments in technology to support practice

Finding the Next Level?



Scientific Enquiry?

- Widening the spectrum for action
- Intelligent use of data and information
- Continued scientific enquiry and development of the evidence-base
- Publication and sharing of local learning

Technological Development?

- Partnership working ó patients, practice and producers ó open and honest dialogue
- National leadership through HCAI Technology Programme
- Capturing the ÷what ifø moments....
- Developing novel approaches
- Using technology from other industries to benefit healthcare

Influence, behaviour and other fluffy stuff?

- Understanding behaviour and what motivates behaviour change
- Using Patient Stories ó making it real
- Developing and supporting:
 - ó Leadership for infection prevention practice
 - ó Skills and knowledge development across multi-disciplinary team

Is The Next Level Something Different?

- Primary Care?
- Social Care?
- Domiciliary Care?



Defining The Next Level

- Maturing understanding of complexity
 - ó No single -magic bullet- or approach
 - ó Care system approach; patient focus
- Integrated approach
 - ó Science and education
 - ó Behaviour and competence
 - ó Leadership and influence
 - ó Technology

What Does 'The Next Level' Look Like?

- Belief that zero infection is achievable
- Intolerance of infection and poor practice
- Culture of enquiry and improvement
- Integration of science, art, technology
- Key focus on patient safety, experience and outcomes: setting goals

If ever you question why we
are botheringō .

ōMy husband and I were married for 33
years. He was my life, and the kindest
most caring man I have ever met. I still
feel most desperately lonely without
him and cannot imagine the future. ō

From the wife of a man who died of C.difficile

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