



# **SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL**

## **'BUGWATCH' REPORT**

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**CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL**

**Friday 30 March 2007**

## **Bugwatch Report**

**Name of Hospital:** Craigavon Area Hospital

**Date & Time:** 30 March 2007 @ 11am

**Wards Visited:** 1 South

2 South

4 South

Medical Admissions Unit

### **Council Members/Staff Conducting the Survey:**

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## **PART ONE: HAND WASHING**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. All staff are seen to wash their hands or use a hand sanitising agent between patients or between different caring tasks for the same patient.	✓		
2. Liquid soap is available at all sinks	✓ except for one sink		
3. Hand sanitising agents are readily available in all clinical areas	✓		
4. Paper towels available at all sinks	✓		
5. Hand washing basins are easily accessible	✓		
6. Mixer taps available at all sinks	✓*		
7. Elbow control taps available at all sinks	✓**		
8. Staff seen to use correct hand washing techniques *	✓		
<b>* refer to the Effective hand washing Technique on page 13</b>			
9. Poster showing correct hand washing techniques on display by at least one sink	✓		
10. No wrist jewellery or rings with stones are worn by staff carrying out patient care	✓ ***		
11. Staff wear aprons and gloves when handling linen that is fouled with body fluids	✓		

## NOTES

\* Not currently available on all sinks due to the age of the facility.

\*\* Not available on all wards currently due to the age of the facility.

\*\*\*Rings with stones noted on one ward

## PART TWO: GENERAL INFORMATION

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Staff wear a clean disposable apron and gloves when handling all body fluids such as urine or blood	✓		
2. Staff questioned have received training on infection control	✓		
3. Staff can name their infection control nurse	✓		
4. Staff know where to find the ward's infection control manual	✓		

**NOTES:**

**PART THREE: THE WARD ENVIRONMENT**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Ward furniture is clean and in a good state of repair	✓*		
2. Ward is visibly clean and free from dust and dirt	✓		
3. Bath is cleaned after use	✓**		
4. Bathrooms/Showers/ensuite facilities are clean and clutter-free	✓		
5. Cleaning materials are available for cleaning the bath			✓
6. Toilets are clean and free from equipment	✓		
7. There is a procedure for patients to notify staff when toilets are dirty	✓		

**NOTES:**

\*In one instance a consulting room was noted to be used for storage of equipment.

\*\* Cleaning staff were available to clean shower areas after use.

**PART FOUR: WASTE DISPOSAL**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Information about waste disposal policy is on display to staff	✓		
2. Waste bags are not over-filled and are capable of being secured	✓		
3. There are foot operated bins in working order for clinical waste	✓		
4. Full waste bags are stored away from the public	✓		

**NOTES:**

## **PART FIVE: LINEN**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Linen is segregated into colour-coded bags	✓		
2. Bags are not over filled and are capable of being secured	✓		
3. Bags are not stored in public areas	✓		
4. Curtains are visibly clean and in good repair	✓		

### **NOTES:**

## **PART SIX: SHARPS**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Large yellow boxes for storing needles, blades and other 'sharps' are stored safely with the aperture closed when not in use and out of reach of children	✓ *		

### **NOTES:**

\*In one instance an aperture was found to be open. The box was located on a bench in the nurses station area.

## **PART SEVEN: CARE OF EQUIPMENT**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Nursing and medical equipment is visibly clean	✓		
2. Bed frames, bed lamps and bed curtain rails are free from dust	✓		
3. Surfaces of equipment are clean and free from dust	✓		

### **NOTES:**

## **PART EIGHT: VISITORS AND PATIENT INFORMATION**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Information is available to visitors when visiting vulnerable 'at risk' patients	✓		
2. Information is given to patients on healthcare associated infection			
• When the patient develops an HCAI	✓		
• Given to all patients before or on admission			

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

1. All wards visited were found to be of an extremely high standard of hygiene and cleanliness. Hospital wards were bright, clean, cheery and free of clutter.
2. Team approach to cleaning was noted, with cleaning staff on duty throughout the day.
3. Doctors were observed as not wearing white coats.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Conspicuous notices should be displayed across corridors at the entrance and exits of wards to remind visitors to use hand gel.