



SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

'BUGWATCH' REPORT

DAISY HILL HOSPITAL

Wednesday 4 April 2007

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Name of Hospital: Daisy Hill Hospital

Date & Time: 4 April 2007 @ 11am

Wards Visited: Female Surgical
Haemodialysis
Female Medical
Maternity

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	✓		
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 *	✓		
* refer to the Effective hand washing Technique on page 13			
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

*Some elbow taps were located against walls with limited room for use.

** A doctor was noted to be wearing a watch.

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:

* Staff were able to name the link nurse on the ward as well as the Infection Control Nurse.

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	✓		
8.			

NOTES:

* On one ward, chairs in the relatives' room had tears in the fabric.

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:

* On one ward, information was not on display but there is a clear system and staff are aware of it.

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:

*Sharps boxes were stored away from public areas.

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.
2. Wards visited were bright, clean, cheery and free of clutter.
3. Patient comments were very favourable. One lady said, "It is like a 5 * hotel."
4. Visitors appeared to be aware of infection prevention measures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Notices on hand hygiene for visitors could be displayed more prominently at the entrance to wards.