



**HAI
surveillance
newsletter.**

SSI Surveillance Protocol

SSI surveillance protocol 7th edition incorporates changes mandated in DL(2015) 19 [www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL\(2015\)19.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL(2015)19.pdf) and in addition aligns to ECDC SSI surveillance updated protocol. From April 1st 2017 the mandatory requirements of SSI surveillance included large bowel and vascular procedures. In addition voluntary SSI procedures, when selected by NHSboards for submission to HPS, must as a minimum include readmission surveillance to 30 days. The new protocol and all supporting appendices are available via link below:

<http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/guidelines/detail.aspx?id=827>

WHO - Global Guidelines on Prevention of SSI

In November 2016 the World Health Organisation (WHO) published the first 'Global Guidelines on Prevention of SSI available at: <http://www.who.int/gpsc/ssi-prevention-guidelines/en/>. On their website the WHO states that these 'guidelines are valid for any country and suitable to local adaptations, and take account of the strength of available scientific evidence, the cost and resource implications, and patient values and preferences' These guidelines have been reviewed by the HAI & AMR programme board and do not necessitate any change to current SSI surveillance practice within NHSScotland.

NSS Discovery update

NSS Discovery is an information system that provides approved users with access to a range of comparative information to support performance and quality improvement. Indicators within NSS Discovery can be viewed at NHS Board level. The information within NSS Discovery can help NHS Boards monitor improvement.

The **Enhanced SAB surveillance dashboards** have gone live on Discovery.

The **HAI Quarterly Surveillance data** available on Discovery.

Going forward, we hope that this paves the way for many more HAI related dashboards to be published on Discovery both to aid analysis and intelligence.

To request Level 1 access for Discovery use the User Access System below:

<https://useraccess.nhsnss.scot.nhs.uk/apexp/f?p=153:LOGIN:5149386183600>

For more information on discovery email: nss.discovery@nhs.net or visit website: www.discovery.scot.nhs.uk

Publications

Commentary on quarterly epidemiological data October to December (Q4) 2016

Healthcare Associated Infection Annual Report 2016

National Point Prevalence Survey of Healthcare Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Prescribing 2016