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Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals

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Report Title	Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework					
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1. Suggested discussion points [two or three issues you consider the Committee should focus on]

Considerable efforts continue to be taken to tackle COVID-19. The Board Assurance Framework brings together, in one place; nationally agreed actions for Trusts to follow. The framework can be used to assure directors of infection prevention and control, medical directors and directors of nursing by assessing the measures taken in line with current guidance. It can be used to provide evidence and as an improvement tool, to optimise actions and interventions.

This is the updated version of the BAF and the areas that have changed are highlighted in yellow.

The BAF will be updated monthly and managed through the Trust Infection Prevention and Control Committee. It will be presented to the Quality and Safety Committee quarterly.

The Trust Board is asked to note the outstanding matters with regards to ventilation risk. The guidance recommends good ventilation as one of the actions that can be taken to reduce the spread of COVID, the idea being dilution and dispersal of the air. There will be a review of the Authorising Engineers recommendations and an estates feasibility plan developed.

Fit testing is currently provided by an external company we are developing a plan to provide an internal solution; this has been discussed as a cost pressure.

2. Alignment to 2020 Vision [indicate with an 'X' which Plan this paper supports]					
Safety Plan		Public Health Plan		People Plan & Education Plan	
Quality Plan	X	Research and Development		Estates Plan	
Financial Plan		Digital Plan		Other [specify in the paper]	Χ

3. Previous consideration [where has this paper been previously discussed?]

The BAF was presented to Quality and Safety Committee in January 2021. The updated version was presented to the Infection Prevention and Control Committee in March.