

# Healthcare Associated Infection and the Scottish Government

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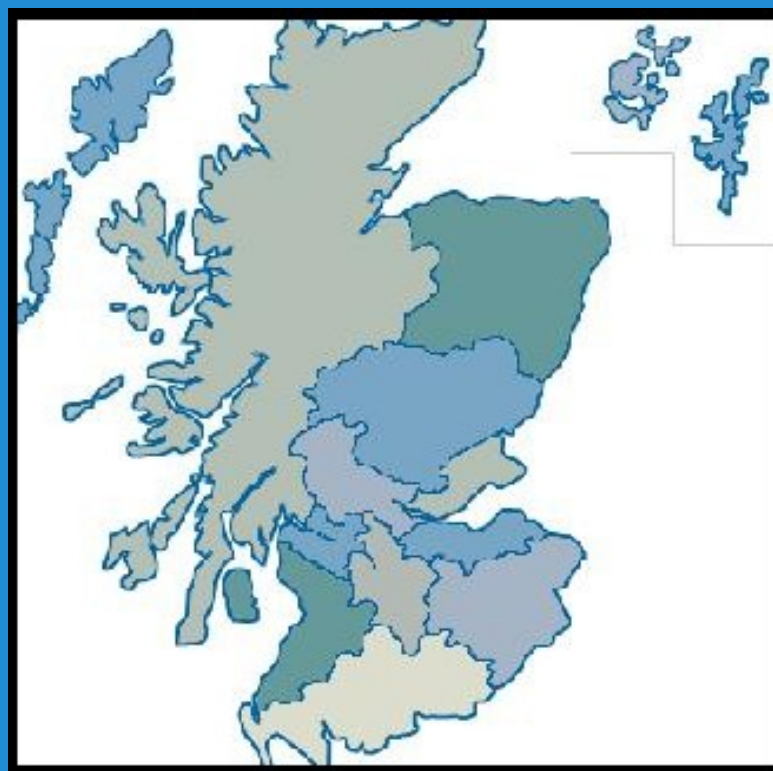
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# Scotland

## 14 Territorial Health Boards



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# Healthcare Associated Infection: Vision

**To provide the safest healthcare system  
in the world through delivering safe,  
effective and person centred care  
facilitated by continued and sustained  
improvement in the prevention and  
control of Healthcare Associated  
Infection**



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# Healthcare Associated Infection Task Force

- HAI Task Force first established in 2003
- Remit is to co-ordinate, implement and monitor progress of a range of actions across NHS Scotland with the aim of reducing all avoidable HAIs
- Overseen the completion of three Delivery Plans and work is now progressing through a fourth
- Has undergone significant changes throughout the years but remains the national co-ordinating body for HAI prevention and control in Scotland



# Healthcare Associated Infection Task Force Structure

- Revised from April 2011 and consists of three groups:
- HAI National Policy Group
  - Responsible for providing leadership and setting policy
- HAI National Advisory Group
  - Responsible for providing advice to inform and influence the development of policy
- HAI Development and Implementation Group
  - Responsible for delivery of the HAI work programme as detailed in the HAI Delivery Plan as well as the development and implementation of the wider HAI policy agenda





# Healthcare Associated Infection Task Force Partnership Working

- **Healthcare Environment Inspectorate**
  - Independent inspection of HAI and environmental standards in hospitals
- **Health Protection Scotland**
  - National surveillance, specialist HAI advice and support
- **Health Facilities Scotland**
  - Cleaning and environmental support
- **Healthcare Improvement Scotland**
  - Quality improvement support
- **NHS Education for Scotland**
  - Training and development support
- **And many more!**



# Healthcare Associated Infection Task Force Delivery Plan Areas 2011 Onwards

- **Antimicrobial Prescribing and Resistance**
- **Cleaning, Decontamination and Estates**
- **Infection Prevention and Control Policy Guidance and Practice**
- **Organisational Structures**
- **Staff and Leadership**
- **Quality Improvement**
- **Surveillance**





# Healthcare Associated Infection Task Force

## Some key deliverables

- **National HAI Compendium**
  - Summary document of all current HAI guidance and policy
- **HAI Quality Improvement Tools and Care Bundles**
  - structured tools to improve processes of care and patient outcomes
- **Cleanliness Champions**
  - Educational programme to promote best practice in maintaining a clean healthcare environment
- **National Domestic and Estate Monitoring Standards**
  - Minimum standards for cleanliness and the physical environment of healthcare facilities
- **Scottish Management of Antimicrobial Action Plan**
  - National programme to promote prudent antimicrobial prescribing

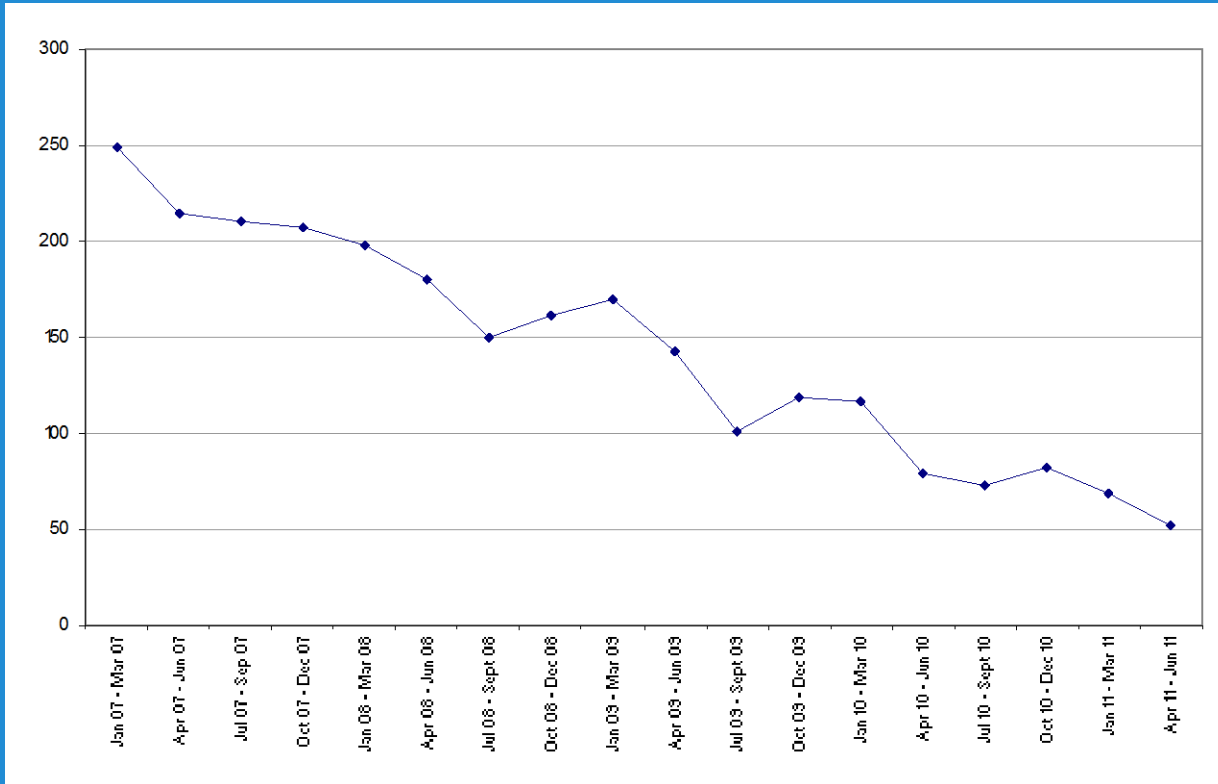


# Good News – Great Progress

- **National hand hygiene compliance at over 90% since the beginning of 2009**
- **Cleaning compliance at over 90% since the beginning of 2007**
- **Reductions in the inappropriate use of antimicrobials associated with increased risk of HAIs**



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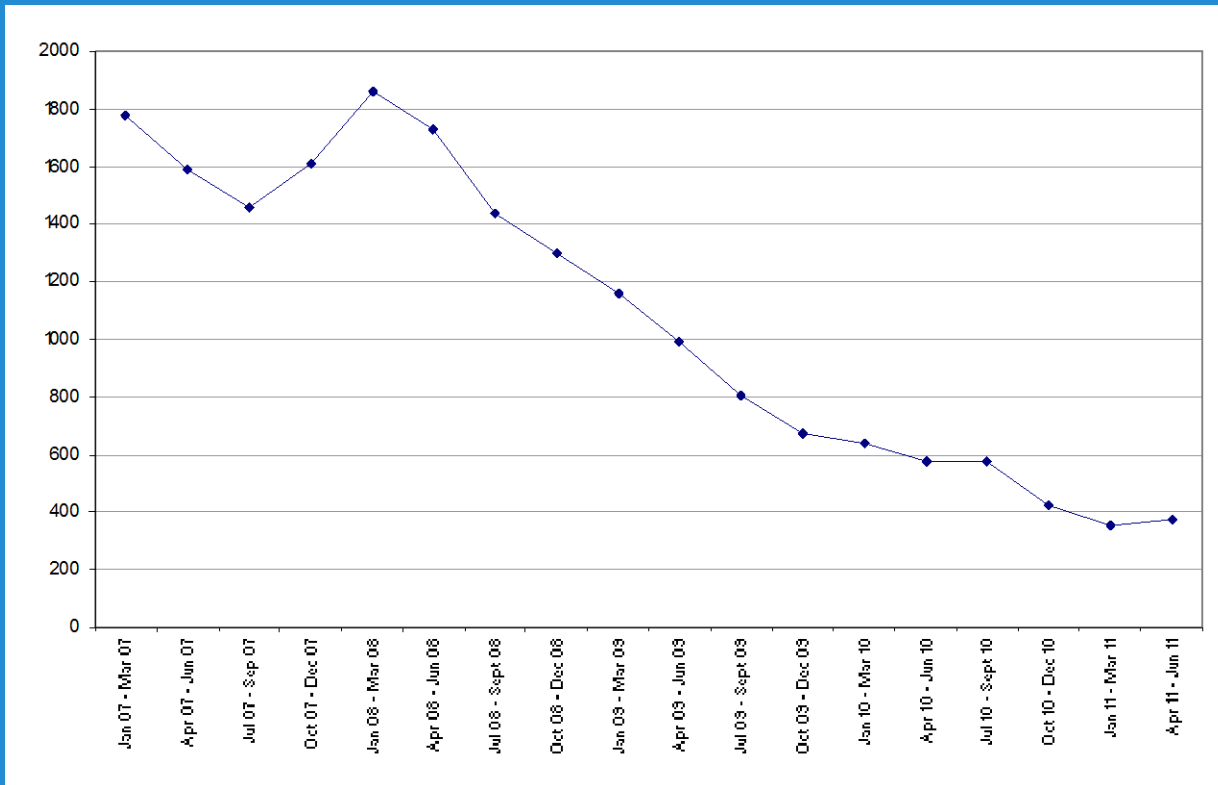


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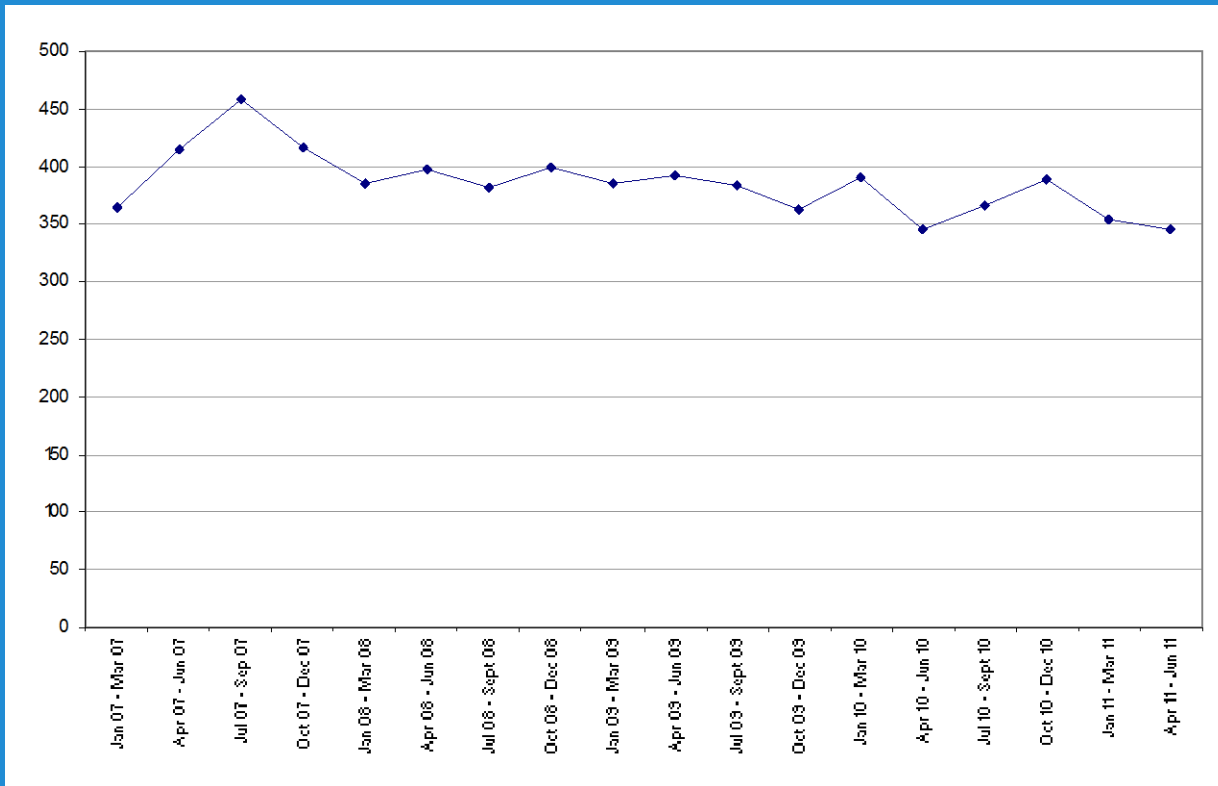


**Clostridium difficile infections in patients 65 and over have fallen by over 75% since the beginning of 2007**



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# But – we still have challenges



**MSSA Bacteraemias have remained broadly stable since the beginning of 2007.**



# But – we still have challenges

- **Healthcare Environment Inspectorate findings**
- **Continued improvement**
- **Sustainability**
- **Competing priorities**
- **Emerging threats**
- **Reduced resources**





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