

## **Infection Prevention and Control Declaration 2024-25**

The Board at Connect Health Ltd are assured Connect Health Ltd including Connect Health Pain Services meets the statutory requirements in relation to the Hygiene Code.

Connect Health Ltd has an Infection Prevention and Control Policy to ensure best practice and to reduce Healthcare Associated Infections.

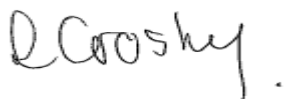
All staff within Connect Health Ltd are provided with Infection Prevention and Control training on induction and regularly throughout their employment, which includes practical training and assessment in hand hygiene. The training is mandatory for all staff, and compliance is monitored centrally and reported to the Board through the Infection Prevention and Control Committee.

The Board level lead is the Chief Medical Officer but overall accountability for Infection Prevention and Control in Connect Health Ltd is with the Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC), Director of Governance and Quality, who ensures that Infection Prevention and Control is prioritised on all quality and safety agendas.

Connect Health Ltd has a quarterly Infection Prevention and Control Committee which is chaired by the DIPC and reports to the Clinical Governance Committee. Assurance is provided to the Board via the Integrated Quality Audit and Assurance Committee into which the Clinical Governance Committee reports.

There is an annual audit programme, to monitor compliance with the Infection Prevention and Control policies and guidelines.

The Board reviews Infection Prevention and Control data across the organisation on a monthly and quarterly basis via the Integrated Governance Board Reports. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee receives a full annual report from the Director of Infection Prevention and Control which is shared across the organisation via various committee platforms.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Crosby'.

Lesley Crosby  
Director of Infection Prevention and Control  
Director of Governance & Quality