

IPS Strategic Plan 2017-2020

IPS Vision

Our vision is that no person is harmed by a preventable infection.

IPS Mission

Our mission is to inform promote and sustain expert infection prevention policy and practice in the pursuit of patient or service user and staff safety wherever care is delivered.

Purpose

This document builds on the previous strategic plan (2011-2016) and sets out the IPS strategic aim and objectives for the next 5 years and includes the evidence that will be used by the Board to track progress. The IPS Board, Business Groups, Branches and Special Interest Groups will use the plan to guide activity and financial planning on an annual basis to ensure that the Society meets its charitable objectives, vision and mission.

Strategic Aim

The IPS will provide leadership to shape and inform infection prevention and control knowledge, policy, and practice to support safe care nationally and internationally.

Strategic Objectives

The IPS will:	Evidence	Business Group(s)
1 Provide high quality resources, education and networking opportunities to enhance members' ability to provide effective infection prevention and control services.	Number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • branch meetings • webinars • conference attendees • up-to-date resources 	EPDC SPC Branches

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of web forums • annual member survey • event evaluations 	
2	Define the professional attributes, knowledge and skills required by infection prevention and control practitioners to progress along a career pathway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competences updated regularly • Use of competences by members, universities and employers • Number of members applying for credentialing through IPS 	EPDC
3	Establish and maintain a credentialing process for professionals in infection prevention and control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan milestones for establishment of credentialing system and process. • Credentialing applications from members • Used by Universities to 'badge' IPC specialist courses • Recognised by employers and professional bodies as part of CPD and reaccreditaion 	EPDC
4	Promote the principles and practice of infection prevention and control to patients, the public, and those working in health and social care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority areas identified annually • Provision of resources that are up to date 	Board EPDC R&D

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPS website views and downloads • Standards for mandatory training • Monitoring of quality/ evidence base of resources 		
5	Support and contribute to the generation and dissemination of knowledge from research and implementation that enriches the practice of infection prevention and control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of research grants • Submission of original articles for JIP • Measure of citations and downloads • Attendance at the National Conference and Branch Conferences • Submission of abstracts • Number of people engaging in webinars 	R&D JIP EMG
6	Support international outreach activity to promote the principles and practice of infection prevention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure website traffic from outside the UK and Ireland • Requests for support • Provide resources • Provide networking opportunities • IFIC support • Increase in international members 	International Engagement Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download of resources from the website • Number of submissions for JIP from outside the UK and Ireland • International delegates at conference 	
<p>7 Be recognised as an authoritative voice on infection prevention and control by patients, the public, health and social care professionals, healthcare industry and policy makers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with professional groups • Engagement with PPI/ advocacy groups • Responsive to consultations guideline drafts • Informing appropriate expert guidelines and policy • Network with other service user organisations • Request for expert comments and advice • Representation on national and international working parties and groups • Social media metrics and media references • Analysis of external recognition and impact 	<p>Board Corporate Affairs Group</p>

		following targeted communications/ PR activity.	
8	Operate a robust governance structure that enables charitable aims and objectives to be achieved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charities Commission compliance • Financial management • Risk management • Business continuity 	Board Branch Officers