

# Victorian Department of Health

## Infection Prevention and Control Program

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# GOVERNANCE

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/boards-and-governance/about-health-service-boards-in-victoria>  
<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/funding-performance-accountability/statements-of-priorities>

## Public Healthcare Services

- Devolved governance
  - Health service boards
  - Accountable to the Minister of Health
- Defined legal and financial requirements
- Statement of priorities
  - Annual accountability agreements
  - Objectives, priorities and key performance outcomes
  - Consistent with strategic plans
  - Assessed and monitored
- Rural health and multipurpose health services => fewer responsibilities

# IPC Programs

- Each health service design their program around their own issues
  - HAI reporting requirements (via VICNISS)
    - Performance indicators
    - Submit annual workplan
  - Statement of priorities
    - Health service program requirements
    - Key performance measures and targets
    - IPC and HAIs
  - National accreditation
- Results from or requirements of these will inform a health service's annual IPC program/workplan



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## BENEFITS

Promotes innovative thinking => can develop their own creative solutions to issues (e.g., implementation of different cleaning programs)

Not totally reliant on the department for direction

Decisions are made closer to the local communities they affect

Don't have to wait for a solution => rapid response

## OPPORTUNITIES

Reduce inefficiencies by some standardization of practice/policy/guidelines

Community of practice => share ideas etc between teams

# Program Update

## Department of Health

- Provision of public health (PH) infection prevention
  - Focus on AMR, alignment with PH Regs, complex infection control investigations => within a networked system

## Local public health Units (LPHUs)

- Established in 2020 => COVID-19 cases/outbreaks
  - 9 LPHUs (3 metropolitan and 6 regional)
- Administer programs for disease prevention and population health
  - Investigations, outbreaks and PH programs that impact their region
  - Some IPC capacity at LPHU level
- Responsible for the local investigation and response of majority of notifiable conditions