

S. aureus bacteraemia surveillance

Quarterly report

April-June 2011

Key points

- Overall *S. aureus* (SA) rates in Northern Ireland (NI) fell 10% (SA) and 15% (MSSA) respectively compared to the same quarter in 2010.
- MSSA rates decreased by approximately 17% (from 20 to 17 reported) compared to quarter one 2011.
- The highest MRSA (Methicillin Resistant *S. aureus*) rates were reported during quarter one 2011.
- MSSA rates during 2011 (1 to 14) compared to 2010 (9).
- MSSA rates increased by approximately 60% (from 42 to 70 reported) compared to quarter one 2011.
- MSSA rates during 2011 (1 to 14) compared to 2010 (9).
- SA rates for quarter one 2011 increased above the lower action limit but below the upper warning limit (40 to 50) (see the National Standard).
- MSSA rates decreased below the lower action limit on the NPS chart for Northern Ireland.
- MSSA rates remain within recommended parameters on the NPS chart for Northern Ireland (Figure 1).

S. aureus bacteraemia surveillance quarterly report

This quarterly report provides epidemiological data on *S. aureus* in Northern Ireland, including overall infection figures as well as those specific to MRSA and MSSA. The report highlights key points, rates, trends and statistical process control charts. The report also provides information on surveillance methods and data for each hospital and Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland

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