

# Healthcare Overview Report 2018

## Infection prevention and control

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inspections focused on the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infection, in particular systems to detect, prevent, and manage multidrug-resistant micro-organisms.



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inspections on the reprocessing of reusable medical devices.

### KEY FINDING

Improved governance and implementation of infection prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections in hospitals – particularly in how superbug CPE was managed.



## Medication safety

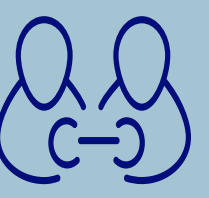
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inspections of medication safety in hospitals.



### KEY FINDING

Clear commitment to continually ensure medication safety in some hospitals, but national approach needed to address medication safety-related risks.

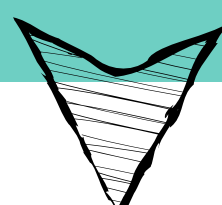


Learning from HSE approach to tackling antibiotic resistance could be adapted to improve other areas of patient safety.

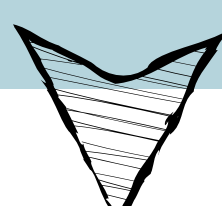
## Preparing for new areas of work

HIQA's role and remit continues to expand in the healthcare setting. In 2018, we prepared for new functions in:

- the regulation of medical exposure to ionising radiation in both public and private healthcare, and dental services in Ireland.



- inspecting 23 public rehabilitation and community inpatient healthcare services that provide a range of vital healthcare services.



- inspecting Ireland's maternity units and hospitals against the National Standards for Safer Better Maternity Services.

