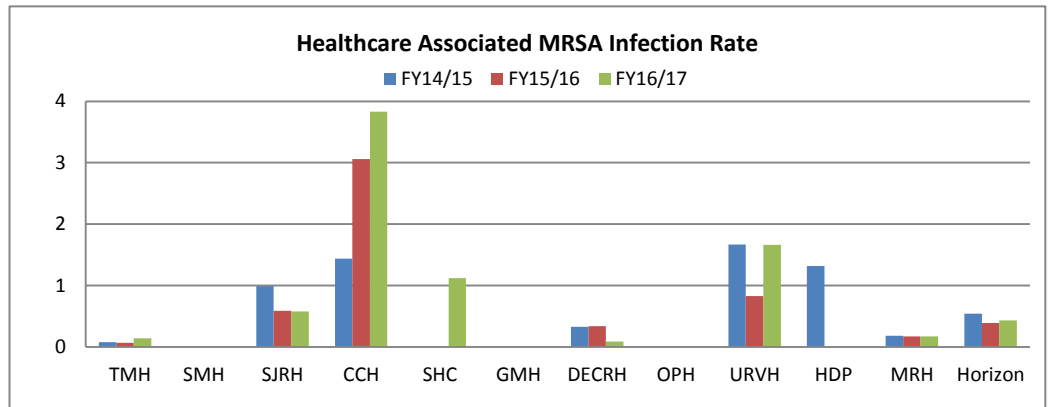


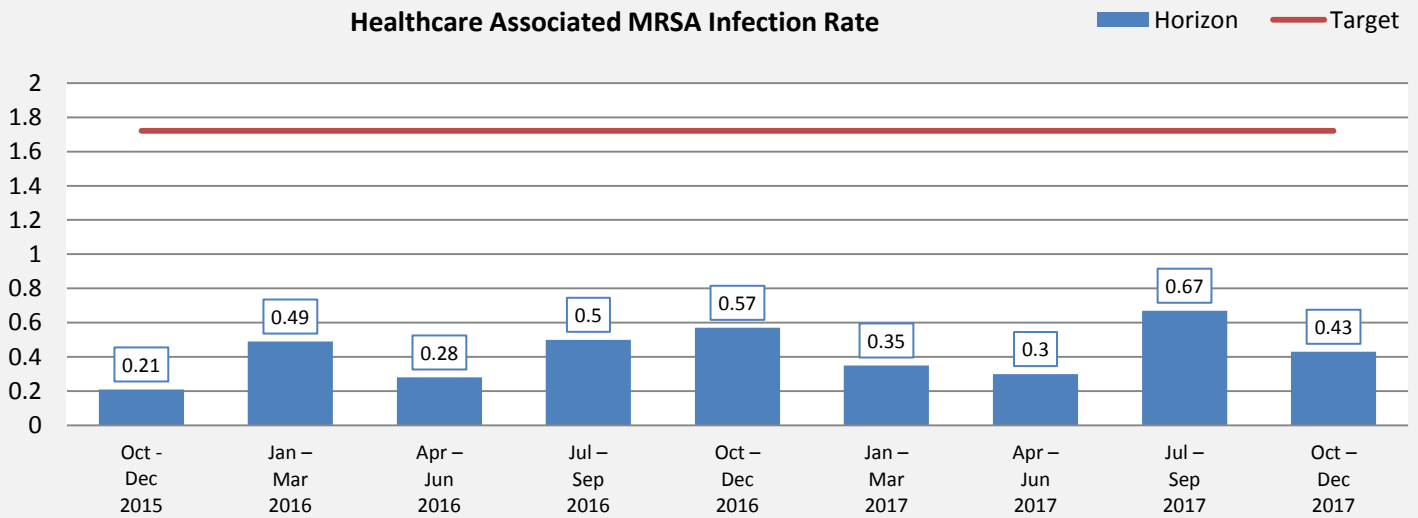
Staphylococcus aureus (Staph) is a type of bacteria that is commonly found on the skin and in the noses of healthy people. Staph bacteria that are resistant to the antibiotic methicillin are known as Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA. MRSA is found in both community and hospital settings. Most people who have MRSA do not get sick with it. Those with weakened immune systems and chronic illnesses are more susceptible to the infection. MRSA has been shown to spread easily in healthcare settings through contact with hands and surfaces contaminated by the bacteria.

Definition: Total number of newly identified Healthcare Associated MRSA Infections per 10,000 patient days. Healthcare Associated is a term relating to infections that are acquired during the delivery of healthcare.

2017/18 Target: 1.72



Healthcare Associated MRSA Infection Rate



Analysis: Healthcare Associated MRSA Infection rate at Horizon had started to trend in a downward direction since Q3 FY 2016-17 however in FY 2017-18 Q3 it has increased to 0.43 but remains below target.

Work is ongoing at the CCH and project plan has been implemented to address the Healthcare Associated MRSA Infection rate. This involves re-education of staff regarding hand hygiene, appropriate use of personal protective equipment, source control and the implementation of additional admission screening.

