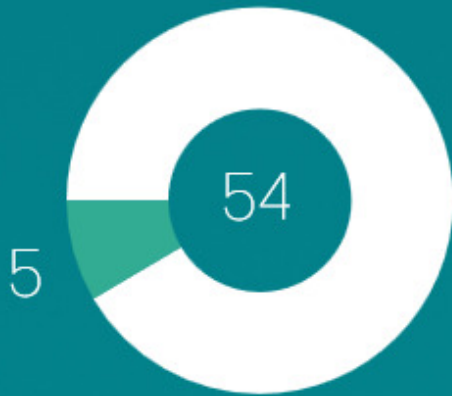


HIQA Unannounced Hygiene Inspections

in public acute hospitals between February 2014 and January 2015



54 HIQA inspections
 49 hospitals inspected
 >80 clinical areas were visited
 ~20% of the acute hospital sector
 5 re-inspections within 6 weeks

Hand hygiene generally improving, but unclean patient equipment a problem in hospital areas inspected



Unclean commodes in 76% of hospitals



Unclean blood sugar monitors in 24% of hospitals



Unclean mattresses or covers in 50% of hospitals



Unclean temp probe holders in 35% of hospitals

Key areas of non-compliance which resulted in re-inspections in 5 hospitals

5 out of 5 re-inspections



Hand Hygiene

5 out of 5 re-inspections



Facilities & Environment

4 out of 5 re-inspections



Patient equipment

4 out of 5 re-inspections



Waste management

3 out of 5 re-inspections



Isolation facilities

Key areas for improvement

Cleanliness of equipment.
 Hospital collaboration to promote hand hygiene.