

## Glossary

### Health Protection Assurance Report

Abbreviation	Meaning/ explanation
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening is a way of detecting a dangerous swelling (aneurysm) of the aorta – the main blood vessel that runs from the heart, down through the abdomen to the rest of the body.
C. Diff.	Clostridium difficile, also known as C. difficile or C. diff, is a bacterium that can infect the bowel and cause diarrhoea.
The 'Council'	City of York Council
Diabetic Eye Screening	Diabetic retinopathy is among the most common causes of sight loss in the working age population. The condition occurs when diabetes affects the small blood vessels in the retina. It may not cause symptoms until it is quite advanced. All people with diabetes are at some risk of getting diabetic retinopathy and should take up the offer of diabetic eye screening.
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus. The virus attacks the immune system, and weakens your ability to fight infections and disease.
MRSA	Methicillin- resistant Staphylococcus Aureus is a type of bacteria that's resistant to a number of widely used antibiotics. This means MRSA infections can be more difficult to treat than other bacterial infections.
NHS.	National Health Service
NHSE	NHS England. NHS England leads the National Health Service (NHS) in England setting priorities and the direction of the NHS to encourage and inform the national debate to improve health and care.
PHE	Public Health England is an executive agency sponsored by the Department of Health. It works to protect and improve the nation's health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities.
PHOF	Public Health Outcomes Framework. The Public Health Outcomes Framework 'Healthy lives, healthy people: Improving outcomes and supporting transparency' sets out a vision for public health, desired outcomes and the indicators that will help us understand how well public health is being improved and protected.
TB	Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection spread through inhaling tiny droplets from the coughs or sneezes of an infected person. It is a serious condition mainly affecting the lungs but can be cured with proper treatment.
CCG	Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.