

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on prevalence of *Clostridioides difficile* infection in a UK tertiary centre

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Highlights

- Retrospective, single-centre study of impact of COVID-19 on *C. difficile* infection rates
- Case numbers identified from hospital databases and reported as quarterly rates
- Total CDI rates decreased compared with the pre-pandemic period
- 8 cases of co-infection highlight the need for continued antimicrobial stewardship