



Trustwide infection prevention and control operational policy

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Type of document	Policy
Target audience	All CWP staff
Document purpose	The policy sets out the arrangements for infection prevention and control across the trust and identified roles and responsibilities. It also details how to access the infection prevention and control team.

Approving meeting	Infection Prevention and Control Sub Committee	Date 2-Jul-15
Implementation date	followed by an annual compliance review	

CWP documents to be read in conjunction with	
GR1	Incident reporting and management policy
MP1	Medicines policy
IC10	Prevention and management of exposure to health care associated infections (HCAI) and inoculation incidents
GR30	Decontamination and disinfection policy

Document change history	
What is different?	Reviewed the document
Appendices / electronic forms	Reformatted and removal of appendix 2 & 3
What is the impact of change?	None

Training requirements	Yes - Training requirements for this policy are in accordance with the CWP Training Needs Analysis (TNA) with Learning and Development (L&D)
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Financial resource implications	None
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External references	
1. The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (DH 2010)	

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) - Initial assessment	Yes/No	Comments
Does this document affect one group less or more favourably than another on the basis of:		
- Race	No	
- Ethnic origins (including gypsies and travellers)	No	
- Nationality	No	
- Gender	No	
- Culture	No	

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) - Initial assessment	Yes/No	Comments
- Religion or belief	No	
- Sexual orientation including lesbian, gay and bisexual people	No	
- Age	No	
- Disability - learning disabilities, physical disability, sensory impairment and mental health problems	No	
Is there any evidence that some groups are affected differently?	No	
If you have identified potential discrimination, are there any exceptions valid, legal and/or justifiable? Select		
Is the impact of the document likely to be negative?	N/A	
- If so can the impact be avoided?	N/A	
- What alternatives are there to achieving the document without the impact?	N/A	
- Can we reduce the impact by taking different action?	N/A	
Where an adverse or negative impact on equality group(s) has been identified during the initial screening process a full EIA assessment should be conducted.		
If you have identified a potential discriminatory impact of this procedural document, please refer it to the human resource department together with any suggestions as to the action required to avoid / reduce this impact. For advice in respect of answering the above questions, please contact the human resource department.		
Was a full impact assessment required?	No	
What is the level of impact?	Low	

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1. Introduction

Infection prevention and control (IPC) is an important component of any programme or initiative that improves the quality of service users care, the occupational health of staff and the safety of visitors to healthcare premises. It is the intention of the Infection prevention and control team working within the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) to promote the prevention & control of infection within all healthcare facilities and in healthcare provision.

2. Policy statement

IPC is an important part of an effective risk management programme to maintain, and where possible improve the quality of service user's care and the occupational health of staff. In addition to the need to prevent avoidable infections, there are legal duties to take appropriate steps to protect service users, staff and visitors from avoidable harm.

To protect service users, staff and visitors, CWP has in place a work programme and an assurance framework to take forward the standards set out within the Health and Social Care Act (2008) related to infections. The programme and framework sets out how CWP will implement and monitor standards to provide assurance in relation to infection prevention and control to the Board of Directors.

It is the intention of the IPC team working within CWP to promote the control of infection within all healthcare facilities and to act as a resource for both healthcare staff and the general public within these facilities, and in care provision. In order to achieve this CWP accepts that the implementation of an effective infection prevention and control operational policy will enable it to work towards reducing risks to all persons who are likely to be affected by CWP's activities, including the reduction of potential or actual harm to CWP employees, service users, other services, property and financial resources. This policy should be read in conjunction with the trust health and safety policies and supporting IPC policies.

CWP has three localities where specialist microbiological advice is provided through Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with partner organisations.

3. Scope

Implementing control of infection measures is an overall concern and therefore this policy applies to all CWP employees, visitors, service users and others and the duty extends to bank, agency and temporary staff and forms part of the CWP's approach to health and safety.

4. Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure a cultural shift towards the control of infection within CWP and commits CWP to ensuring that there are effective arrangements for IPC.

The arrangements will put in place an effective IPC programme with defined objectives and provide regular reviews and ensure that any managerial or leadership action to assist that programme is taken. To ensure systems are in place to ensure services are compliant with the Health and Social Care Act (2008).

5 Reporting to Health Protection Agency (HPA)

CWP will ensure that it complies with directives from the Department of Health (DH) with regards to reporting Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) to PHE and or CQC where appropriate.

6. Monitoring

The Infection Prevention and Control work programme (work plan) which includes the assurance framework for infection prevention and control and HCAI and will be reviewed at each meeting.

Progress in taking forward the work programme will be reported to the Board on an annual basis. A quarterly report to Board will also be produced by the DIPC highlighting incidents or risks. The work programme/assurance framework is available via the IPCT.

Appendix 1 – Infection prevention and control (IC) policies and procedures

Code	Title
IC1	Trust-wide Infection Prevention and Control Operational Policy
IC2	Hand Decontamination Policy and Procedure
IC3	Standard (universal) infection control precautions policy
IC4	Meticillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Policy
IC5	Clostridium Difficile Policy
IC6	Contingency plans for the control of infectious outbreaks / incidents
IC7	Isolation Policy
IC8	Policy for the procedure for aseptic non touch technique (ANTT)
IC9	Pandemic Influenza
IC10	Prevention and management of exposure to health care associated infections (HCAI) and inoculation incidents
IC11	Policy for Animals in the Healthcare Setting
IC12	Care of the deceased and the appropriate use of body bags
IC15	Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease (CJD) Policy
IC16	Policy for handling of linen and clothing
IC17	The control of Legionellae for safe water
IC18	Operational cleaning policy
IC19	Dress code policy

Please note

Antibiotic prescribing guidance regarding the safe use of antibiotic treatment and antimicrobial usage within the trust is included within the trust medicines policies and formulary's .

Prevention and Management of Occupational exposure to Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) and post exposure prophylaxis is incorporated within policy for the Prevention and management of exposure to health care associated infections (HCAI) and inoculation incidents.