

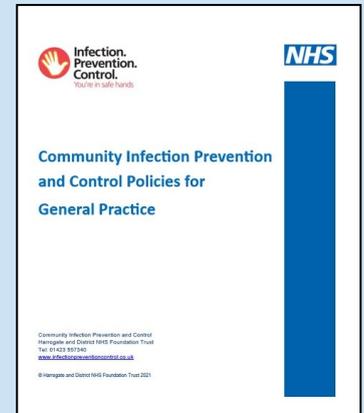
IPC Bulletin for GP Practice Staff

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General Practice Infection Prevention and Control Policies

We have a comprehensive range of guidance documents which can be adopted as Policies, specifically for General Practice. These documents have been developed to help your Practice with CQC requirements and achieve compliance with the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (Code of practice)*, updated December 2022. All documents contain national guidance and evidence-based practice. The following Policies have been revised in line with recent national guidance.

The full suite of 25 Policies can be downloaded free of charge at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/gp-practices/policies/. Alternatively a Policy folder is available to purchase by completing an [order form](#) or telephone 01423 553740.



Policy updates

GP 09 Notifiable diseases

Updated terminology to Mpox (Monkeypox), previously referred to as Monkeypox.

GP 14 Respiratory and cough hygiene

Updated to reflect the content of the 'Standard infection control precaution' (SICP) in the *National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England*. [NHS England » Chapter 1: Standard infection control precautions \(SICPs\)](#).

GP 21 Scabies

Updated in accordance with [UKHSA guidance on the management of scabies cases and outbreaks in long-term care facilities and other closed settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#), updated January 2023. This was published to address variations in recommendations for practice. It includes information on the ability of mites to live away from the host for up to 4 days and the lack of evidence regarding whether this is significant in transmission. There is also revised guidance on the treatment regime for contacts of cases with scabies.

GP 25 Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus

Updated in accordance with the Healthcare Infection Society [Norovirus guidelines | Healthcare Infection Society - Healthcare Infection Society \(his.org.uk\)](#) February 2023. This includes use of eye protection and a fluid resistant surgical mask (FRSM) for assessment of patients with vomiting.



Save the date



**One day IPC training event for General Practice:
26th June or 13th November, 2023**

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/infection-prevention-and-control-training-event-for-general-practice-and-dental-practice-2/

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