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Infection Prevention and Control

Resources for General Practice

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Here to support with IPC resources

Wherever you are, our Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) award winning educational resources, training, policies, audit tools and much more... can assist your 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)* and CQC registration requirements.

Who we are

- We are an NHS Community IPC Team who aim to improve IPC standards.
- We are the commissioned IPC service for North Yorkshire and York.
- Our multi-disciplinary Team includes Specialist IPC Nurses and Consultant Microbiologists.

Our vision

- Is to reduce healthcare associated infections.
- Is to reduce hospital admissions.
- Is to share best IPC practice across the health and social care sector.
- Is to produce high quality free and affordable IPC resources.

What we do

- Provide IPC advice and support to organisations within North Yorkshire and York.
- Produce evidence-based up-to-date resources, e.g. Policies, Audit Tools, Posters, etc. Some resources are free to download, such as the Policies, others are available to purchase at a minimal cost, e.g. Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice, IPC CQC assessment preparation Pack.

Please note: For specific IPC advice, and support, contact your local Community IPC or UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Team.

A 'one-stop-shop' for all your infection prevention and control requirements for GP Practices

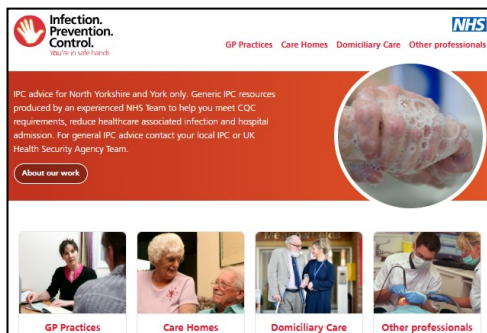
We have developed a website specifically for Health and Social Care, this is the gateway to all our IPC resources which include:

- 'Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for General Practice' with 27 evidence-based policies (see page 4), free to download or available to purchase in a folder
- 'IPC CQC assessment preparation Pack for General Practice' with a wide range of audit tools, posters and notices (see page 7)
- The highly acclaimed award winning 'Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice', including *Clostridioides difficile* MRSA and sections on new and emerging 'superbugs', such as MRGNB, including CPE, (see page 10). A perfect solution to your staff training requirements

"It's brilliant! Really engaging and builds on the last 'Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice'. I read it from cover to cover in one go as I found it really interesting. Dr Brookes also thought it was really well thought out – good links to extra information as required and presented in a way that was suitable for all levels."

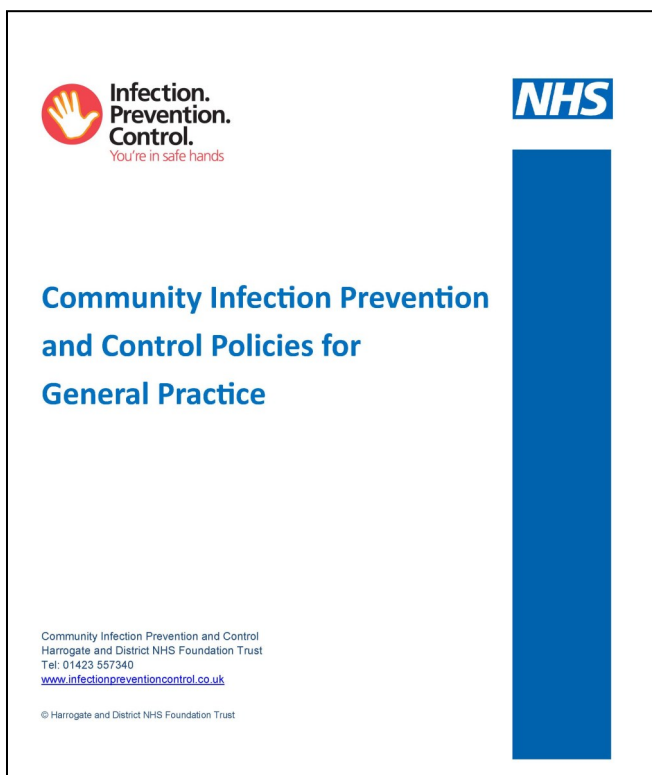
('Outstanding' CQC rating – being in the top 3% of Practices in the whole country)

**Marie Brookes MCSP, Managing Partner,
Reeth Medical Centre, Reeth, Richmond**



Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for General Practice

Objective: We have produced a range of Policies for adoption which have been developed to help you with CQC requirements and achieve compliance with the *Code of practice*. All Policies contain national guidance and evidence-based practice.



Overview: Available to download free of charge or available to purchase. A set of 27 Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies including:

1. Antimicrobial stewardship
2. Aseptic technique

3. BBVs (Blood-borne viruses)
4. *C. difficile* (*Clostridioides difficile*)
5. CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease)
6. Hand hygiene
7. Invasive devices
8. MRGNB, including CPE (Multi-resistant Gram-negative bacteria, including carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales)
9. MRSA (Meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*)
10. Notifiable diseases
11. Outbreaks of communicable disease
12. Patient placement and assessment for infection risk
13. PPE (Personal protective equipment)
14. PVL-SA (Panton-Valentine Leukocidin *Staphylococcus aureus*)
15. Respiratory and cough hygiene
16. Respiratory illnesses
17. Safe disposal of waste, including sharps
18. Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages
19. Safe management of care equipment
20. Safe management of linen, including uniforms and workwear
21. Safe management of sharps and inoculation injuries
22. Safe management of the care environment
23. Scabies
24. Specimen collection
25. SICPs and TBPs (Standard infection control precautions and Transmission based precautions)
26. Venepuncture
27. Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus

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IPC Training events

To view our courses visit

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/. We deliver a very exciting 1 day course which is ideal for Infection Prevention and Control Leads, Practice Managers and other Team members. Suitable for individual or group attendance and will help you meet your CQC educational requirements. This very popular event is held at least twice a year. Places are strictly limited, so booking early is advisable. Sample programme below.




Infection Prevention and Control training event for General Practice

Monday, 9th February, 2026

Programme

Time	Topic	Facilitators
08.45	Registration	Bev Smalls and Jacob Joseph
09.00	Welcome, housekeeping, introduction to the Team and the day	Gillian Partridge
09.10	Chain of infection	Anna Grant
09.20	Standard infection control precautions and Transmission based precautions. How much do you really know?	Gillian Partridge Anna Grant Louise Hodgson
10.30	Break / Exhibition viewing / IPC resources	
10.50	Standard infection control precautions and Transmission based precautions. How much do you really know? (Continued)	Gillian Partridge Anna Grant Louise Hodgson
11.20	Alert organisms and Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)	Louise Hodgson
11.50	National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2025	Caroline Gent
12.30	Lunch break / Exhibition viewing / IPC resources	
13.15	Introduction to Microbiology	Sarah Drake Consultant Microbiologist
14.00	Sustainability	Caroline Gent
14.30	Comfort break	
14.40	Meeting CQC IPC registration requirements	Sonya Ashworth
15.40	Test your IPC knowledge from the day	Helen Degnan
16.00	Close	

Download a booking form at:

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/

Infection Prevention and Control CQC assessment preparation Pack for General Practice

Objective: The aim of this comprehensive innovative Pack is to assist you with the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the *Code of practice* and CQC requirements. Our experience of working with CQC Inspectors has enabled us to produce this invaluable tool.

Overview: Available to purchase in an A4 ring bound folder or in digital format with 5 sections, a range of documents and a supply of colour posters.

It is designed to help you provide the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the *Code of practice* and contains essential compliance resources.

- Information on the key infection prevention and control documents from the Care Quality Commission, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, e.g. *Code of practice*, *National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2025*.
- An in-depth 'Standard infection control precautions Assurance: Annual IPC Audit Tool' which helps guide you through the complex process of ensuring you have the correct documented evidence and actions required to demonstrate infection prevention and control compliance against each of the 10 criterion of the *Code of practice*.
- A range of essential IPC audit tools and competency assessment tools, e.g. aseptic technique, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment. Use of these Audit Tools supports the Assurance Tool above.

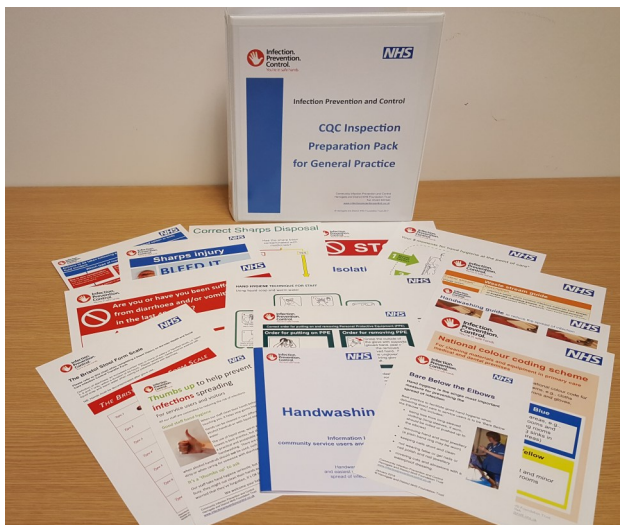
- A supply of key posters, notices, flow charts and leaflets, e.g. Hand hygiene, Bare below the elbows, Breach of hygiene, National colour coding poster for cleaning materials, Sharps/inoculation incident procedure.
- Other IPC information, including the Inter-health and social care infection control transfer Form, job description addendums, a template for the annual statement on compliance with IPC practice and an IPC risk assessment template.

CQC regulation is essential to ensure that organisations are compliant with the *Code of practice* and ensure that patients receive safe and effective care.

The most important outcome of effective infection prevention and control is:

Preventing healthcare associated infection = Patient safety

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/cqc-ipc-cqc-inspection-preparation-pack-for-general-practice/



National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2025 for General Practice

To support implementation of the above (which forms part of the 'IPC CQC assessment preparation Pack'), the following IPC resources are available:

- National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness Cleaning Audit Score Sheet for General Practice
www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2025-for-general-practice-nsohc/
- 'IPC Cleaning schedule and record templates for General Practice' which are available to purchase (free of charge to North Yorkshire and York GP Practices). Further information is available at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/infection-prevention-and-control-cleaning-schedule-and-record-templates-for-general-practice-national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness/
- NHS England's 'Cleaning methodologies' which is available to download free of charge in the 'Related resources' section at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2025-for-general-practice-nsohc/
- 'Commitment to cleanliness charters FR2, FR4 and FR6 for General Practice' have been converted to word documents to ensure they are fully editable, e.g. you will be able to alter the responsibility column. These are available to download free of charge at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2025-for-general-practice-nsohc/
- 'National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness Cleaning Methodologies', also available free of charge at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2025-for-general-practice-nsohc/

Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice

Objective:

The Workbook has been produced specifically for GP Practice settings to educate and familiarise staff with IPC Policies, whilst also helping with CQC requirements and achieve compliance with the *Code of practice*.

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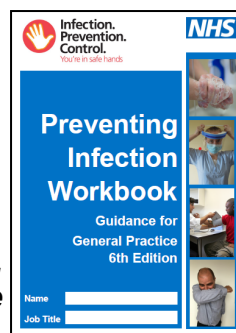
This innovative 80 page A5 Workbook in printed or digital format, is aimed at all staff working in General Practice. It is an extremely cost effective way of delivering education. It is designed for all levels of staff and everyone should receive their own copy to be worked through at their own pace. Our local CQC Inspectors have viewed use of the Workbook as best practice.

Provides:

- National guidance
- Evidence-based information
- Topics including the Standard infection control precautions, Antimicrobial stewardship, Aseptic technique, Specimen collection, Venepuncture, *C. difficile*, MRGNB, including CPE, MRSA, PVL-SA, Respiratory illnesses and Norovirus
- Each topic includes a 'Test your knowledge' section
- When 100% competency has been achieved, Managers sign the 'Certificate of completion' at the end of the Workbook, providing evidence for CQC assessments
- The Workbook is kept by the member of staff as part of their portfolio of evidence of learning and can be used as a reference guide for day-to-day working

"I think the Preventing Infection Workbook for General Practice is comprehensive and will contribute towards IPC standards as required by the regulations and interpreted for use in primary care."

Elaine Biscoe,
Care Quality Commission, Head Office



Audit Tools, posters, factsheets and leaflets

A selection of editable Audit Tools available to purchase and various Factsheets available free to download from the website.

A wide selection of IPC Posters are also available. Some can be downloaded free of charge, whilst others are available to purchase.

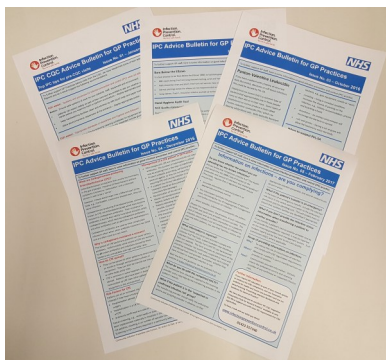


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IPC bulletins for GP Practice

Sample of topics of the free IPC bulletins include:

- World Hand Hygiene Day 2026
- Spring clean
- Sustainability
- Preparing for the winter season
- Scabies
- Keeping hydrated
- Understanding the risks of urinary catheters
- Antimicrobial resistance
- PVL-SA (Panton-Valentine Leukocidin *Staphylococcus aureus*)
- Standard infection prevention and control precautions



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Ordering

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We are always happy to discuss your infection prevention and control educational requirements to see how we can best support you.



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