

The aim of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) service is to promote as safe an environment as possible for staff, patients and visitors in order that the risks of contamination and cross infection are kept to a minimum, effectively promoting consistent provision of clean, safe care.

The IPC Team comprises of:

Infection Control Nurses

The Nurse Consultant for IPC leads a small team of IPC Nurses employed by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust. This team also provides advice to Worcestershire Nursing Homes and GP Practices where requested and also to Worcestershire's 3 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

They can be contacted on:



01386 502552/32552

Or mobile: 07798 608171

Infection Control Doctors

A Consultant Microbiologist from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust has the Lead IPC Doctor role for the Trust. All Consultant Microbiologists provide out of hours emergency advice as required and are available via the relevant hospital switchboards, request on call Medical Microbiologist.

The IPC Team provide the following services:



Education and training relating to IPC.



Advice and guidance on all IPC issues:

- when buying new equipment
- when undertaking building work/new developments
- managing specific infection safe working practices
- decontamination/cleaning practice and procedures.



The monitoring, identifying, management and investigation of outbreaks.



Surveillance of micro-organisms that have the potential to spread and cause harm, including bacteraemia.



IPC Guidelines, Policies and Procedures accessed via the Trust website or www.worcestershirehealth.nhs.uk.



Promotion of IPC Link staff and the Infection Preventionist role.



Support for staff in the prevention, management and control of infection.



Assistance in monitoring and auditing IPC standards and practice.



Provision of information leaflets explaining different infections.



Promotion of antimicrobial stewardship including compliance with Worcestershire Primary Care antimicrobial prescribing guidance.

Areas of special knowledge:

Safe Working Practices, including:-



Hand hygiene



“Sharps” safety



Waste disposal



Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)



Isolation procedures



Cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation (decontamination)



Outbreak recognition and management



Infestations



Management of infections



Environmental cleanliness



CONTACT NUMBERS

During working hours the Infection Prevention and Control Nurses are usually available on either:



**01386 502552
(32552)**

or

mobile: 07798 608171

If you are unable to contact the Infection Prevention and Control Nurses or require out of hours advice you can contact switchboard at the Alexandra Hospital Redditch or Worcestershire Royal Hospital and ask for the on-call medical microbiologist.

Alternatively you can contact the team by e-mailing a specific infection prevention and control nurse or:
Carole.Clive@nhs.net

You can also find us on Twitter at
https://twitter.com/WHCT_Infection

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.nric.org.uk

The National Resource for Infection Control (NRIC) is aimed at being a single-access point to existing resources within infection control for both Infection Control and all other healthcare staff.

www.worcestershirehealth.nhs.uk

This leads to a local health economy website where under shared services, local infection control policies, newsletters and other information can all be accessed.

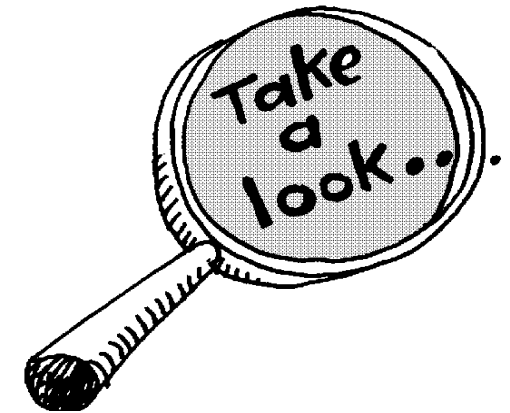
www.gov.uk

Public Health England, Department of Health and Social Care and resources can be access on this site.

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INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL is everyone's business!

Infection Prevention and Control concerns everyone in the NHS whether in clinical or non clinical roles. It sets out to ensure everything possible should be done to prevent infection from developing and spreading to others.



Ensure you provide clean safe care 100%
of the time