

# Infection Prevention and Control

## CQC Inspectors Preparation Pack for Care Homes

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**Objective:** The aim of this comprehensive innovative pack is to assist you with the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and CQC requirements. The pack has been produced by an experienced NHS Community Infection Prevention and Control Team who work closely with CQC Inspectors undertaking joint care home inspections.

**Overview:** An extensive ring bound folder with 5 sections, a range of resources and supply of colour printed posters. It is designed to help you provide the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the Health and Social Care Act and contains essential compliance resources.

- Information on the key infection prevention and control documents from the Care Quality Commission, Department of Health and NPSA , e.g., National Specifications for Cleanliness, The Health and Social Care Act 2008, Prevention and control of infection in care homes, Revised Healthcare Cleaning Manual.
- An in-depth tool to 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 Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- A range of essential IPC audit tools and competency assessment records, e.g., aseptic technique, decontamination of equipment, hand hygiene, mattresses and covers. Also includes a comprehensive IPC audit tool for the environment.
- 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, viral gastroenteritis, outbreak management.
- Other infection prevention and control information, including the Inter-Healthcare Infection Control Transfer form.



CQC inspections are essential to ensure that organisations are compliant with the Health and Social Care Act and ensure that service users receive safe and effective care.

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

**Preventing healthcare associated infection = Patient safety**