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The Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for Domiciliary Care has been produced by a dynamic NHS Community Infection Prevention and Control team, with a vast experience of working with the Health and Social Care sector. These guidance documents (guidelines) describe the precautions and control measures that are essential to prevent and control infection in a community setting such as Care Homes, Domiciliary Care Providers, General Practice and other primary care settings.

The guidance documents provide advice on infection prevention and control practices and give specific guidance in relation to the infection prevention and control implications of infections such as MRSA, *Clostridium difficile* and MRGNB. The contents incorporate the latest national guidance and should be seen as a guide to best practice.

We have produced 15 evidence-based Policies which are guidance documents. They have been developed with the aim that they can be adopted as policies by Domiciliary Care organisations. To facilitate this we have incorporated an adoption statement that can be signed and dated. This will help demonstrate compliance with the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* (Department of Health 2015) and Care Quality Commission (CQC) requirements.

Good infection prevention and control practices can substantially reduce healthcare associated infection. Every year more than 300,000 people contract an infection associated with healthcare. Therefore, effective prevention and control of infection must be part of everyday practice and consistently applied by everyone. All staff play an important part in the control of infection, staff should read and apply the principles and practices in the guidance to demonstrate commitment to high quality care and patient safety.

We have also developed a 'one stop shop' Infection Prevention and Control website specifically for Domiciliary Care, Care Homes, General Practice and other Healthcare Professionals. This innovative website has numerous resources to help organisations with CQC compliance, including guidance, posters, leaflets, educational tools and the award winning 'Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for staff providing Care at Home', highly acclaimed CQC Inspection Preparation Pack and Outbreak Management Pack. The website can be found at:

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Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information on our innovative Infection Prevention and Control products and educational resources

The title of these policies has been amended in June 2019 and it is planned that these policies will be updated by the end of 2019.

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