

# IPC Bulletin for Care Homes

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### World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (WAAW) 18th-24th November, 2023



This global campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage action to tackle the emergence and spread of drug resistant pathogens and the theme is '**Preventing antimicrobial resistance together**'. Ways in which Care Homes can support this campaign include strengthening their IPC practices, not dipsticking urine in residents over 65 years or those with a urinary catheter, ensuring residents receive prescribed antibiotic treatment on time and that the course is completed. Details can be found at: [waaw-2023-campaign-guide.pdf \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/waaw-2023-campaign-guide.pdf).

### Preparing for the winter season

Norovirus infections are more frequent during the winter season. Norovirus is highly infectious and is transmitted from person-to-person primarily through the faecal/oral route, or by direct person-to-person spread. Below are links to two 4 minute training videos on:

- Appropriate glove use
- How to take a stool sample

#### Using gloves appropriately in healthcare

The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) alongside the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) have released a new animation aimed at reinforcing the significance of correct hand hygiene and the appropriate use of gloves.

Further resources on PPE are available to download from our [website](#).

#### How to take a stool sample

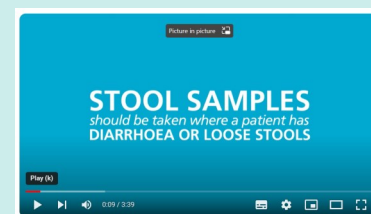
This animation provides an overview of how to take a stool sample from residents who have diarrhoea or loose stools.

The animation covers:

- When samples should be taken
- How to collect the sample, including the amount required



<https://vimeo.com/873675593/3cafbedf4a?share=copy>



<https://youtu.be/xTFnvOeTshA>

#### IPC events:

- QNI IPC Champions Network event: 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, 2.00-4.00pm via Zoom. visit [Infection Prevention & Control Champions meeting – The Queen's Nursing Institute \(qni.org.uk\)](https://www.qni.org.uk)
- Infection Prevention and Control training event for Care Homes and Domiciliary Care: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. A booking form can be downloaded at: [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/](https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/)

Visit our website to find lots of IPC resources, many of which are free to download.

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