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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 Domiciliary Care staff can support this campaign include strengthening their IPC practices and encouraging service users to take and complete any prescribed antibiotic treatment. Details of the campaign 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](#).



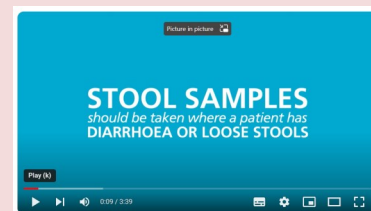
<https://vimeo.com/873675593/3cafbedf4a?share=copy>

How to take a stool sample

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

The animation covers:

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



<https://youtu.be/xTFvOeTshA>

IPC events:

- QNI IPC Champions Network event: 30th January, 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: 4th March, 2024. A booking form can be downloaded at: 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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