

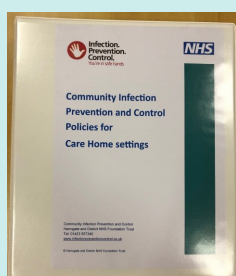
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Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for Care Home settings

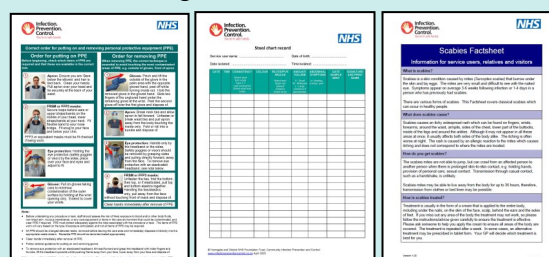


A **new set** of Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies (IPC) for Care Home settings is now available. We would recommend that all previous versions are replaced with the May 2025 Policies.

The full suite of 30 IPC Policies can be downloaded free of charge at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/care-homes/policies/. Alternatively, a Policy folder is available to purchase by completing an [order form](#).

Summary of main changes to the Care Home IPC Policies 2025

- NHS England states that organisations may choose to adopt the *National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England* which should be complemented by specific guidance produced for Care Home settings. In order to support you with this adoption, we have incorporated the *NIPCM* as referenced in the IPC Policies with detailed care home specific guidance.
- The adoption statement within each IPC Policy has been reworded to accommodate local changes following risk assessment and endorsement through local governance arrangements.
- At the time of publication, all Policies are in accordance with national guidance. We would recommend that a designated lead person checks the 'Contents list' on our website on a monthly basis for updates. Notification of any future amended IPC Policies will be published in future Care Home Bulletins.
- All 'Standard infection control precautions' (SICPs) Policies revised to reflect NHS England's *Standard infection control precautions monitoring tool*.
- 'Evidence of good practice' sections with links to relevant Audits added to assist Care Home staff in demonstrating continuous improvement. Following completion of these Audits, action plans should be drawn up and implemented to demonstrate continuous improvement as required by the CQC.
- Promoting sustainability by replacing a number of appendices with links to IPC resources from our website, most of which are free to download.
- The following free to download resources have been revised/updated to reflect changes within the relevant Policies:
 - Revised 'Correct order for putting on and removing PPE' Poster
 - Updated 'Stool chart record'
 - Updated Scabies resources together with a new 'Scabies Factsheet: Information for service users, relatives and visitors'
- Updated references.



What's new

- IPC training event for Care Homes: 22nd September, 2025. 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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