

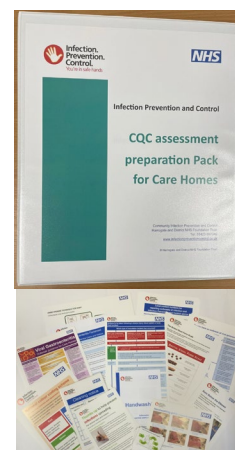
Infection Prevention and Control

CQC assessment preparation Pack for Care Homes

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: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance (Code of practice)* and CQC requirements. The Pack has been produced by an experienced NHS Community Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Team.

Overview: To support sustainability, we are pleased to inform you that the October 2025 Pack is now available to order as a digital resource.

Available as a digital version with a supply of posters (in digital format) or in a ring bound folder with a supply of colour printed posters.



It is designed to help you provide the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the *Code of practice* and contains essential compliance resources.

- Information on the key IPC documents from the Care Quality Commission and Department of Health and Social Care, *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*.
- A 38 page in-depth Assurance Tool to guide you through the complex process of ensuring you have the correct documented evidence and actions required to demonstrate IPC compliance against each of the 10 criterion of the *Code of practice*.
- The 'Standard infection control precautions Assurance: Annual IPC Audit Tool' now includes an automatic 'RAG' rating system. This electronic Assurance Tool works in conjunction with the range of essential IPC audit and competency assessment tools, e.g. aseptic technique, commode and commode pan, enteral tube feeding, hand hygiene, mattress and mattress cover, personal protective equipment, pressure relieving cushion and cover, safe management of care equipment, safe management of the care environment. Also included in the Pack is an 'IPC Action Plan' template.
- A supply of 21 individual key posters, notices, flow charts and leaflets, e.g. Hand hygiene, Bare below the elbows, National colour coding poster for cleaning materials, Sharps/inoculation incident procedure, Viral gastroenteritis (a total of 50 printed posters).
- Other IPC information, including an Annual statement on compliance template, IPC risk assessment template, Cleaning notice, Declaration of contamination status Form and job description addendums for all staff and IPC Leads.
- Signposts to other IPC information, e.g. 'IPC Cleaning schedule and record templates'.

CQC assessments are essential to ensure that organisations are compliant with the *Code of practice*. They are your opportunity to showcase safe and effective care of residents.

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

Preventing healthcare associated infection = Patient safety