

# IPC Bulletin for Domiciliary Care

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### Spring clean

As spring arrives it is the perfect time to spring clean your care and work environment. A time to shake off the dust and clear the clutter.

As care is delivered in individuals' homes, maintaining high hygiene standards is essential to protect both service users and care staff from infection.

A deep clean will remove the dirt, dust and microorganisms that have accumulated over the winter months, reducing the risk of infection from environmental contamination.



### Spring cleaning ideas with available resources

- Take this spring cleaning opportunity to declutter your domiciliary care bag and remove any surplus equipment or stock from your car to create well organised spaces that are easy to keep clean.
- Clean any equipment that you use and check it for any signs of damage. [Safe management of care equipment Policy for Domiciliary Care staff - Infection Prevention Control](#)
- Encourage the person you care for to be involved in spring cleaning decisions if they are wanting to declutter their home.
- Organise and clean any storage cupboards you have at the clients home removing excess or out-of-date stock. Remember to check if cleaning products are still within their expiry date!
- Review your personal protective equipment supplies of gloves, apron, facemasks and visors, ensuring that they are stored in a moist free environment away from sources of heat and direct sunlight and are within their expiry date.
- If carers provide a cleaning service, ensure your cleaning schedules and Infection Prevention Control Policies are accessible to staff so they know their individual cleaning responsibilities.

[Safe management of the care environment Policy for Domiciliary Care staff - Infection Prevention Control](#)

[Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages Policy for Domiciliary Care staff - Infection Prevention Control](#)

### Upcoming events:

- **IPC training event** for Care Homes and Domiciliary Care: 16th November, 2026 - Book now to reserve your place [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/)
- [QICN Adult Social Care Nursing Network](#), 24th March, 2026

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