

IPC Bulletin for GP Practice Staff

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Spring clean

As spring arrives it is the perfect time to spring clean your medical practice. A time to shake off the dust and clear the clutter. A clean environment plays an important role in infection prevention and control, helping us protect your patients and colleagues.

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

- Consider hiring a skip for a 'Dump the junk' day and dispose of any rusty unusable equipment or worn out furniture that cannot be fixed. The surfaces of furniture and fittings need to be easy to wipe to ensure that effective cleaning can take place.
- Check that all items in your medical centre are on a cleaning schedule. This ensures that all items are cleaned throughout the year not just in Springtime. [Infection Prevention and Control Cleaning schedule and record templates for General Practice.](#)
- Ensure your cleaning schedules and Infection Prevention Control Policies are accessible to staff so they know their individual cleaning responsibilities.
[Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages Policy for General Practice - Infection Prevention Control](#)
[Safe management of the care environment Policy for General Practice - Infection Prevention Control](#)
- Organise and clean your storage cupboards removing excess or out-of-date stock. Remember to check if your cleaning products are still within their expiry date!
- Ensure any storage boxes on the floor are wipeable and can be moved for effective floor cleaning.
- For those doing home visits, take this spring cleaning opportunity to declutter your medical bag and remove any surplus stock from your car to create well organised spaces that are easy to keep clean.
- Review your personal protective equipment supplies of gloves, apron, facemasks and visors, ensuring that they are stored in a moist free environment away from direct sunlight and are within their expiry date.
- Finally undertake a care environment compliance audit to evidence the amazing spring clean that your team have done. [Safe management of the care environment compliance: Monthly Audit Tool for Care Homes - Infection Prevention Control](#)

What's new

- Available to order or free to download - updated '[Community IPC Policies for General Practice](#)'.
- IPC training event for General Practice: 5th October, 2026. **BOOK NOW to reserve your place** at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/.
- [General Practice Nurse Network – The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing](#) 10th June, 2026.

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