

# IPC Bulletin for GP Practice Staff

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### Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for General Practice

A **new set** of Community Infection Prevention and Control Policies for General Practice is now available. The full suite of 27 Policies can be downloaded free of charge at [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/gp-practices/policies/](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/gp-practices/policies/). Alternatively, the Policy folder is available to purchase by completing an [order form](#).

**Antimicrobial stewardship:** Sections reordered and direct links to UTI resources.

**Aseptic technique:** Section 3 reworded. Appendix removed.

**BBV's:** Sections 2-3 new statistics. Section 6 direct link to 'Inter-health and social care transfer' (IHSC) Form. Appendix removed.

**C. difficile:** Sections 1-2 reworded. Section 4 direct link to 'Bristol stool form scale' Poster. Section 9 reworded. Section 11 direct link to IHSC Form. Section 13 updated 'Investigation of *C. difficile* infection'.

**CJD:** Sections 2 'Tissue infectivity' table removed. Section 9 direct link to IHSC Form. Appendix removed.

**Hand hygiene:** Section 1 reworded and other sections reordered. Section 5 alcohol handrub - added 'or equivalent product'. Section 8 reworded and merged sections. Section 11 direct link to 'Hand hygiene information leaflet'. Section 12 new section 'Evidence of good practice'.

**Invasive devices:** Section 7 new 'Evidence of good practice'. Section 8 direct link to IHSC Form. Section 9 direct link to Factsheet. Section 10 direct link to leaflet and card. Section 11 new section 'Investigation of bacteraemia cases'. Appendix removed.

**MRSA:** Reworded 'Note' box text. New 'Other body sites' paragraph. Section 9 direct link to IHSC Form. Section 10 direct links to MRSA resources. Section 11 new heading 'Investigation of MRSA bacteraemia cases' and amended opening paragraph.

**Notifiable diseases:** Amended throughout.

**Outbreaks of communicable disease:** Sections 1-3 amended. Section 6 amended heading 'Objectives of the Incident Management Team', changed from 'Outbreak Control Team'.

**Patient placement:** Section 3 new section on 'Signage'. Section 8 direct links to IHSC Form and 'Bristol stool form scale' Poster. Section 9 new section 'Evidence of good practice'. Section 12 new 'Appendix 1: A-Z of infections'.

**PPE:** Section 1 reworded. Section 2 reworded and 'Glove selection guide' amended. New section on 'Oversleeves'. Section 4 reworded. Section 5 poster updated. Section 8 'Evidence of good practice' updated.

**PVL-SA:** Section 8 direct link to information sheet. Section 9

'Note' box text reworded. Section 13 direct link to IHSC Form. Appendix removed.

**Respiratory and cough hygiene:** Section 2 new 'Signage'.

**Respiratory illnesses:** Section 4 new 'Signage'. Section 5 reworded. Appendix 1 updated.

**Safe disposal of waste, including sharps:** Sections 1-2 reworded. Section 3 heading title change and information split from previous section. Section 4 Assessing waste reworded and 'Waste stream guide for General Practice' reworded. Section 5 new section 'Evidence of good practice'.

**Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages:** Section 2 added link to 'Spillage kit located at' Poster. Section 4 new 'Evidence of good practice'. Section 5 direct link to 'Declaration of contamination status' Form.

**Safe management of care equipment:** Section 8 new 'Evidence of good practice'. Appendix removed.

**Safe management of linen:** Section 2 washing process cycle time changed to include 8 minute mixing time. Added link to 'Curtain changing or disposal frequency'. Section 5 new 'Evidence of good practice'.

**Safe management of sharps and inoculation injuries:** Section 5 reworded.

**Safe management of the care environment:** Section 3 direct link to 'Commitment to cleanliness charters'. Section 10 'Evidence of good practice' updated.

**Scabies:** Sections 2-4 reworded. Section 5 updated treatment options. Section 6 direct link to patient instructions. Section 7 amended wording. Section 8 'Linen' new section. Section 9 guidance separated to common and crusted scabies. Section 11 direct link to IHSC Form. Appendix removed.

**Specimen collection:** Section 3 amended wording. Section 6 direct links to UTI resources. Section 9 direct link to 'Spillage kit located at Poster'. Appendix deleted.

**Venepuncture:** Section 5-7 reordered.

**Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus:** Section 3 new 'How is viral gastroenteritis spread?'. Section 4 new 'Signage'. Section 6 direct link to 'Spillage kit located at' Poster. Section 8 direct links to IHSC Form and 'Bristol stool form scale' Poster.

#### What's new

- Available to order or free to download - updated March 2026 '[Community IPC Policies for General Practice](#)'.

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