



## Community Infection Prevention and Control Policy for General Practice

(also suitable for adoption by other healthcare providers,  
e.g. Podiatry)

# Notifiable diseases

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# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

## 1. Introduction

Registered medical practitioners have a statutory duty to notify the 'proper officer' at their local Council or UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Team of suspected cases of certain infectious diseases.

## 2. Notification process

Urgent notifiable diseases must be reported by telephone to your local UKHSA Health Protection Team within 24 hours. This is to discuss necessary actions for protecting public health.

Complete an online notification form immediately on diagnosis of all suspected notifiable disease available at [www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-notifiable-disease](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-notifiable-disease).

Do not wait for laboratory confirmation of a suspected infection before notification. Complete the notification to the proper officer within 3 days. Contact your local UKHSA Team for further guidance.

## 3. List of notifiable diseases

Diseases notifiable to local authority proper officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 are listed at [www.gov.uk/guidance/notifiable-diseases-and-how-to-report-them#list-diseases](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/notifiable-diseases-and-how-to-report-them#list-diseases).

A case may be urgent if:

- It's part of a current outbreak
- The suspected disease is uncommon in the UK
- The suspected disease spreads easily, or its spread is hard to control
- The patient is high risk, for example because of their age or job

If in doubt, please telephone your local UKHSA Team.

## 4. Infection Prevention and Control resources, education and training

The Community IPC Team have produced a wide range of innovative educational and IPC resources designed to assist your General Practice in achieving compliance with the

*Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* and CQC registration requirements.

These resources are either free to download from the website or available at a minimal cost covering administration and printing:

- 27 IPC Policy documents for General Practice
- Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for General Practice
- IPC CQC assessment preparation Pack for General Practice
- IPC audit tools, posters, leaflets and factsheets
- IPC Bulletin for General Practice Staff

In addition, we hold educational study events in North Yorkshire.

Further information on these high quality evidence-based resources is available at [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk).

## 5. References

Department of Health and Social Care (Updated December 2022) *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*

Legislation.gov.uk (2010) *The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010*

NHS England (Updated 2025) *National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England*

UK Health Security Agency (Updated December 2025) *Report a notifiable disease*