



Nursing and Residential Home Infection Control audit tool

This audit is intended to demonstrate that all reasonable steps are taken to protect patients and staff from acquiring infections in care home settings and to reflect that the duties of the Health Act (DH 2009) are upheld.

Within care establishments the following issues can seriously challenge infection control efforts

- Shared activities such as eating, socialising and rehabilitating can provide prime opportunities for infection transmission, where infection control practices are not upheld.
- Fabric upholstery and carpeting throughout challenges cleaning programmes, particularly during outbreaks and infectious episodes.
- Advanced age of clientele increases susceptibility to infection in general, including the raising the risk of reactivated infections such as shingles.
- Episodes of infection are highly unpredictable and outbreaks can quickly escalate in the absence of adequate control measures.
- Visits from relatives and friends who are incubating or symptomatic with infections will pose a risk to this elderly, vulnerable group. Consideration should be given to managing visits by younger children, in particular ensuring measures are in place to avoid visits from children who have been in contact with or are ill with, childhood infections.

For this reason, assurance of additional arrangements to manage unforeseen events such as outbreaks is required. Support will be given to establish these arrangements, where they are outstanding.

Kitchen and food preparation areas and pest control are exempt from this as this falls under the responsibility of the Environmental Health Officer (EHO). Any concerns witnessed however should be brought to the attention of the EHO by the ICN.

Overall Score Achieved: 92%

Compliance rating:

Scores 85% or above are compliant.
Scores between 76% and 84% are partially compliant
Scores 75% or below are non compliant

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Method of weighting and scoring

- For each section, each question will be answered with **Yes**, **No**, or **Not Applicable** and will be totalled at the end
- The number of **Yes's** will be divided by the number of applicable questions answered in that section to give an overall score.
- The table below provides a list of the subjects covered and a score for each and an overall score.
- Following this a summary of good practice is detailed
- Included after each section are recommendations for practices that require improvement. **The attached action plan must be completed and returned to the infection control team within one month of receipt.**

Section	Subject	Score
1	Outbreak Management	60%
2	Environmental Cleaning	93%
3	Bedrooms	100%
4	Bathrooms	92%
5	Hand Hygiene	100%
6	PPE	100%
7	Sharps Handling	100%
8	Spillage Management	83%
9	Infection Control Training	50%
10	Decontamination	100%
11	Laundering	100%

12	Waste Management	80%
13	Laboratory Specimens	100%
	OVERALL SCORE	92%